Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Repeated False Reactive ADVIA Centaur® and Bio-Rad GeeniusTM HIV Tests in a Patient Self-Administering Anabolic Steroids

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**Reviewer:** Snjezana Zidovec Lepej

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The authors report a case of a repeated false reactive screening and confirmatory HIV assays leading to the erroneous diagnosis of HIV in a patient that self-administered anabolic steroids. The case is clearly presented and well written. This report presents original data in an exceptionally important field of erroneous HIV diagnosis. Therefore, I recommend the publication of the case in the present form.

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