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Dear editors and reviewers,

Thanks very much for the suggested revisions. With my coauthors, I have followed the editor’s suggestions and the attached revised manuscript is much stronger as a result.

Please see below for the specific changes.

Sincerely,

Lauren Shevell
Editor's comment:

"The authors should re-do table 1-3 by correcting religion. They should not split religion into several variables. They should put religion with its categories as one variable (e.g. Religion 1. Catholic 2. Muslims 3. protestants 4. others). The reviewer has also commented this but the authors did not address it."

Thank you for the feedback. The religion category in Table 1 is now changed to one variable. This is the best way to represent religion for Table 1 because this table describes demographics. For Tables 2 and 3 religion is split into four categories because it reflects that each religion was analyzed as a binary variable demonstrating that there was not an association with HIV or HBV with one specific religious group.