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Title: A comprehensive analysis of trends and determinants of HIV/AIDS knowledge among the Bangladeshi women based on Bangladesh Demographic and Health Surveys, 2007-2014

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Reviewer #2: Reviewers’ comments:

I think this manuscript can be considered for publication to the journal- Archives of Public Health. However, following statement should be clarified.

- Thanks for your comments. Please find our responses point by point below.

1) Page no 14 line 18

"There is little difference in the percentages of knowledgeable Muslim and non-Muslim women however, the frequency of knowledgeable Muslim women is almost ten times higher than that of Non-Muslim women".- Please clarify the statement. Give example if possible.

-- We think this statement creates confusion to understand the result. In the revised manuscript, this statement is deleted and the paragraph is rephrased so to make it easier to understand.

2) Page no 14 line 23

"There is evidence that the codes of Islam strongly prohibits multiple sex partner, extra marital affair, etc. and contributes to lower prevalence of HIV among the Muslim [36], which we expect the indirect reasons behind the higher likelihood of knowledge about HIV/AIDS among the Muslim women in Bangladesh".
Though this statement is true in the context of Bangladesh, but it cannot represent the overall scenario. For example, many of the men and women especially men go abroad for earning and many a time do extra-marital sex. After coming back to Bangladesh, this person do sexual intercourse with their spouse, without using condom or other family planning methods, thinking it as anti-religious activities. So the possibility of HIV/AIDS is higher among them. TFR is also higher among them such as in the people Sylhet and Barisal. Moreover, many people in Bangladesh especially in Muslim community do not want to know about family planning, HIV/AIDS etc. because they think Islam do not support it.

-- The issue you raised is very important and helped us to think about the other side of the justification. We have edited the texts (page: 9 of 15, line: 17-32) as per your comments.

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-- The title of the manuscript and the titles of the tables are edited as per your comments.