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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p>	<p><b>ABSTRACT</b></p> <p>It would be better to highlight the various sections as presented in the main text: <b>background, methods, results, and conclusion</b></p> <p><b>RESULTS</b></p> <p>Result comments should precede tables and figures.</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>It would be better to transfer the <b>second, third and last paragraphs</b> to the “<b>results</b>” section; they constitute the result comments which generally precede the tables and figures</p> <p><b>REFERENCES</b></p> <p><b>Text referencing</b> Attn.! cases of mixed and double referencing observed</p> <p><u>Examples of <b>double referencing</b> with different styles</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Bravo et al., (2010)</b> observed that in Nigeria HIV disease has been diagnosed virtually in all the 774 local government areas [17, 18].??</li> <li>➤ According to <b>Alonzo et al., (1995)</b>, HIV-related stigma is fuelled by public perception, attitude and behaviours; individuals with HIV/AIDS are stigmatized because their illness is (i) associated with deviant behaviour; (ii) viewed as the responsibility of the individual; (iii) tainted by a religious or faith based belief as to its immorality and/or thought to be contracted via morally unsanctioned behaviour and, therefore, thought to be character blemish; (iv) perceived to be contagious and threatening to the community; (v) associated with an undesirable and an un-aesthetic/unappealing form of death; (vi) not well understood by the lay community and viewed negatively by health providers [6].</li> </ul> <p><u>Examples of mixed styles</u></p> <p>The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) was discovered in 1983 [1].</p> <p>The United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in 2008 pointed out that “stigma remains the single most important barrier to public action. It is a main reason why too many people are afraid to see a doctor to determine whether they have the disease or to seek treatment if so (United Nations, 2014)</p>	



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	<p>For harmony, authors are advised to adhere to the numerical style they started off with; just a single referencing style is permitted in a manuscript.</p> <p>➤ <b>Reference list</b></p> <p>Most of the references are not appropriately done in addition to the fact that the list is not in harmony, as seen in the following examples:</p> <p>6. Thapa, S., Karin, H., Cargo, M., Buve, B. &amp; Mathe, C. (2015). Effect of stigma reduction intervention strategies on HIV test uptake in low- and middle-income countries: a realist review protocol?????????</p> <p>7. Thomas, F. (2006). "Stigma, fatigue and social breakdown: exploring the impacts of HIV/AIDS on patient and carer well-being in the Caprivi Region, Namibia," Social Science and Medicine, <a href="#">vol. 63, no. 12, pp. 3174–3187</a></p> <p>9. Alonzo, A., Reynolds, N. (1995) ?. Stigma, HIV and AIDS: an exploration and elaboration of a stigma trajectory. <i>Soc. Sci Med</i> 1995 ? : 41: 303-15.</p> <p>10. Chesney, M.A. and Smith, A.W. (1999)???. Critical delays in HIV testing and care: The potential role of stigma. <i>Am Behav Sci</i> 1999 ??; 42:1162-1174.</p> <p>As way out, I think "The Vancouver Referencing Style Guide" could be of help to authors</p> <p><b>Overall, it's quite an excellent work which would merit publication upon revision.</b></p>	
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**PART 2:**

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