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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Immunology**](https://journalaji.com/index.php/AJI) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJI\_125999** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Human Immunodeficiency Virus Epidemic among People who Inject Drugs and Female Sex Workers in North Africa: A Systematic Review** |
| Type of the Article | **Review Article** |

**PART 1: Review Comments**

also insufficiently explored or missing entirely.

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| **Compulsory** REVISION comments | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s Feedback** *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part*  *in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why**  **do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of**  **3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | Yes , I like this manuscript however certain improvements can be made. This article lacks methodological rigor, presenting discontinuities and a lack of systematic organization that impedes clarity and thoroughness. The following issues have been identified in each section.The article does not adequately address the current state of the virus, including its recent impacts, infection rates, and consequences. Specific epidemiological data  —such as the highest and lowest infection rates globally—is omitted. Furthermore, the literature lacks a comprehensive account of HIV history, infection rates, survival rates, and mortality statistics by country. There is no systematic presentation of individual country data, and the focus on selected countries is inconsistent and lacks justification, with undue emphasis on a few countries without relevance to the study’s scope. Critical topics, such as the virus’s modes of transmission, available treatments, types, testing protocols, causes, prevention strategies, and effects, are |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes it’s suitable with a minor change - Human Immunodeficiency Virus Epidemic among People who are Intravenous Drug user (IVDU) and Female Sex Workers in North Africa:A Systematic Review |  |
| **Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.** | Yes, the abstract of the article is comprehensive . Background of the study must be included in the abstract as well as the current data and scenario . |  |
| **Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?** | A summary of findings is conspicuously absent, a critical omission given the importance of this section in synthesizing key results and offering insights into the study’s contributions.  The conclusion is not presented as a separate section, deviating from standard research article formats. A distinct, standalone conclusion section is essential for summarizing the study’s main takeaways and reinforcing its overall contributions. |  |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | Methodology:Key components of a research methodology—such as the objectives, hypothesis, significance, and scope of the study—are not clearly defined or outline lacks clarity, leaving readers without a comprehensive understanding of the study’s purpose or research aims. Furthermore, the criteria and rationale behind sample selection are not provided, making it unclear why the chosen sample was selected or how it is relevant to the research question  Results and Discussion:  The results and discussion sections lack coherence and fail to complement each other as required. For a robust analysis, these sections should be interlinked to facilitate a seamless flow of information and interpretation. | . This section |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.**  **-** | There have been too many different references however the content within does not resonate with so many resources mentioned. |  |
| Minor REVISION comments  **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | Yes the language quality is suitable for scholarly communication. |  |
| **Optional/General** comments | The article exhibits significant gaps in methodological precision, clarity, and coherence across its sections. It would benefit from a systematic restructuring to meet established research standards, ensuring that each section builds cohesively to support the study’s objectives and contributions.  No plagiarism is suspected  No,there aren't any competing interests in this manuscript  No , there aren't any ethical issues |  |

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|  | **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)* |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |

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