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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in word format (file name: 16163-Review).

Title: Women's willingness to be tested for human immunodeficiency virus during pregnancy: A review

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

(1) Specific comments Page 3 Second sentence. The authors say that most African countries have also adopted routine HIV testing policies, with nearly half of them adopting them in 2006. This sentence needs to be clarified is it Most (and what does that mean) or is it half) or is the date that is important: Corrected on page 3.

-Last paragraph, third line down. The author's state that 'First, results of a systematic review and meta-analysis showed that HIV incidence is high making HIV testing during pregnancy especially important. They don't say where and the reference does not tell you where. This should be stated since I am sure this is not the case in the United States: Corrected on page 3 and clarified in which countries.

(2) This is generally a well-written paper. I've made some comments about Caesarean section in the uploaded revision and corrected some minor errors. The referencing appears to be a little incomplete and there are some Internet addresses missing: The references have been corrected and include also Internet addresses.

Page 3 "Repetitive": Corrected.

Page 3 "it is likely that any review would show that HIV incidence varies enormously from country to country. So I think that is a comment that HIV incidence is high without any qualification is incorrect": Corrected.

Page 4 "The general recommendation now would be, for a woman who has an undetectable viral load, to attempt a normal vagina delivery. When the viral load is over 1000 Caesarean section should be considered": Corrected.

Page 5 "from the most recent up-to-date "MODE OF DELIVERY – Scheduled Cesarean section is associated with reduced rates of mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) among women who have received either no antiretroviral drugs or zidovudine alone [90,91] and is thus recommended for

women who have not achieved viral suppression (HIV viral load >1000 copies/mL) in resource-rich regions [92]. However, this recommendation is not practical in resource-limited regions and may increase maternal morbidity; thus, the presence and status of HIV infection in the mother does not affect decisions on delivery mode in resource-limited settings": Corrected.

Page 5 "it wasn't clear reading this section whether the sub optimal testing rates were due to women's refusal to have tests or due to the fact that the tests were not offered or made available to them": Clarified.

Page 6 "was this associated with any particular intervention?": Fully explained.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Virology*.

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