

Peer Review Response

Many thanks for the comments in your review, we have included below a list of the changes we have made to the manuscript in response to the comments.

Reviewer #1

1. The title has been adjusted to read "A bibliometric analysis of research on effect of human immunodeficiency virus in orthopaedic and trauma surgery" as discussed.
2. Thank you for this comment. Having discussed it we feel that the main purpose of our text is to highlight the lack of research in HIV in trauma and orthopaedic surgery, particularly high level research in the area of greatest need. We felt therefore that a table comparing outcomes was not in keeping with the sentiment of the paper. We have however further expanded on outcomes in the current literature in the second paragraph of the discussion in an attempt to get this message across.
3. A sentence has been added to the 'Limitations' section to describe the fact that research in virology based journals may have been missed.
4. A sentence has been added to the discussion in the paragraph about barriers to LIC not publishing research to detail the fact that a lack of knowledge on how to get published might also play a role in lower publication rate.

Reviewer #2

- We have amended the Conclusion so that it only contains findings from the results of the study but have added a 'Recommendations' paragraph beneath the Conclusion to show areas for future research.

Science Editor Comments

1. An 'Author Contributions' section has been added after the Conclusion.
2. References have been updated to add PMID and DOI numbers as well as listing all authors for the relevant references. Please note, for reference 10 there was only a PMID available and no DOI number, and for reference 14 there was a DOI number but no PMID found so an ISSN number has been included instead.
3. An 'Article Highlights' section has been added at the end of the main text.