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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 1367-review.doc), which has been modified according to the referee's suggestions. We hope that the paper might be now acceptable for the publication in the World Journal of Virology

**Title:** The effects of HIV on the erythrocyte and megakaryocyte lineages

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

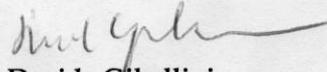
A. Format has been updated

B. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

1. The papers by Josefsson et al 2012 and Durand et al. 2012 were already presented and discussed in the review (page 6, lanes 3-7). However, we have added some further information (lane 5) about these papers.
2. As requested, we have corrected the sentences at page 5 lane 29-33 and page 6 lane 1-3.
3. We have analysed in PubMed the papers related to our item through the search of: i) CD34+ cells and HIV ii) HPCs and HIV iii) hematopoietic cells and HIV etc. At our knowledge, the recent papers were considered and indicated. We have up-dated the paper with three recent references (number 43, 44 and 112) The paper 112 was particularly commented at page 10 line 13-15. We have not cited the papers where gene therapy for HIV was used on CD34+ hematopoietic cells because this is not the target of our review.
4. The suggested table should be composed by several tables that may determine an increase of complexity of the review without concrete advantages for the readers. The proposed text should be able to properly connect the different studies in a coherent flow where the addition of several tables, probably, would not improve it. Notwithstanding, if the referee thinks that these tables are pivotal, we will prepare them.

C. References and typesetting were corrected

Sincerely yours,



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