

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14870-review-last-edit.doc).

Title: Early initiation of antiretroviral treatment: challenges in the Middle East and North Africa

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

[1] Format has been updated.

- a. The title was revised and shortened to less than 12 words based on journal format for minireviews.
- b. The running title was also changed.
- c. The references were changed based on the journal format.
- d. A conflict-of-interest statement has been signed and submitted to the journal, and a section has been added to the manuscript as shown in the edited version.
- e. A copyright assignment signed by all the authors has also been submitted.
- f. A personal guarantee letter for the language presentation of the manuscript has been uploaded in the re-submission process.

[2] The following revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

(1) Answers to Reviewer 00504096

- a. The manuscript was revised by Dr. Sonal Jhaveri (an expert in science writing affiliated with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute of Harvard Medical School, also acknowledged in the manuscript). Authors have also provided a guarantee letter for language presentation of the re-submitted manuscript based on the "Revision Policies of BPG for Minireviews". The letter is uploaded to the *World Journal of Virology*.
- b. All corrections are highlighted in the text.
- c. Authors have made one table and one figure to summaries the review.
- d. Summarizing paragraphs to conclude each title have been added to several subtitles of the manuscript.
- e. The "conclusion" section of the manuscript was re-written to highlight the most important topics that were intended in this manuscript.
- f. The recommended article was a very good study on modeling methods to evaluate effects of early initiation of ART; authors found it quite useful and added to the reference section.

(2) Answers to Reviewer 00504045

- a. Line numbers were not set since the journal format didn't want the authors to do so;
- b. The manuscript has been edited by an expert in the field.
- c. The title of the manuscript has been changed and shortened.
- d. The suggested corrections were made in the abstract (MENA Region=the MENA region; patients' CD4 counts=patients' CD4+ T-cell counts.)
- e. Tables and figures are included to present investigation data and to provide summarizing tools.
- f. The Conclusion section was re-written to present authors' opinions and prospects on the topics.
- g. The references were re-checked and several references were added.

(3) Answers to Reviewer 00484099

- a. The word "apparently" that was wisely suggested to be changed, is omitted from the first paragraph of the subtitle **ART initiation based on CD4+ T-cell counts**

[3] References and typesetting were corrected

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

Sincerely yours,

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