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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The review manuscript by Méndez C et al. titled "Post-transcriptional gene silencing, Transcriptional gene silencing and HIV" summarized the mechanisms of transcriptional gene silencing and post-transcriptional silencing, the current progress of their involvement in HIV infection, and the potential application and challenges of siRNA approaches in treatment of HIV. It is an interesting topic and the manuscript is well written. However, the quality of the manuscript could be improved in at least two minor aspects before its publication.

1. The manuscript contains a large body of knowledge of transcriptional gene silencing and post-transcriptional gene silencing. A few cartoon figures may help the readers to understand the complicated mechanisms and pathways involved.
2. Due to the large body of information, a lot of abbreviations have appeared in the text that may impinge on the readers' interest. Thus the abbreviations may be defined in footnote in the text.



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The manuscript by Mendez et al "Post-transcriptional gene silencing, Transcriptional gene silencing and HIV" present an interesting topic that is very deeply treated in this article, but that only at the very end gets to HIV. This manuscript has a big body, were the authors describe too much of certain mechanism, such as RNAi, wich make you wonder when would on get to the HIV part. Also there is too many abbreviations used and due to the long body of text the reader tends to forget what their mean. Another way to improve this manuscript would be to present some more and maybe simple figures. I suggest presenting a figure for each general mechanism, before to present the HIV ones, which are very complex.