

## Review Form 1.6

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Title of the Manuscript:	HIV infection in patients with tuberculosis followed and treated at the Oyem Regional Hospital Center (ORHC) : A 2-year retrospective study in Northern Gabon.
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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### **PART 1:** Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The title is not specific or clear. The title does not describe HIV infection at all. It describes the characteristics (HIV infection, gender, age, clinical characteristics and treatment outcomes) of TB patients receiving treatment and care at Oyem Regional Hospital Center. Northern Gabon. A revision is suggested (see the comment in the attached manuscript).</li><li>2. There is a mistake with regard to inclusion criteria. The first paragraph of the "Materials and Methods" section specifies that "only patients with culture-positive tuberculosis on Lowenstein Jensen agar medium <b>and</b> HIV infection confirmed by Western blot between January 2020 to December 2021 were included". This statement is not correct because those without HIV infection (HIV-) were also included. It should be revised.</li><li>3. In the "Materials and Methods" section, there should be a sub-section about the variables collected in the study. These included: HIV infection status, personal data (gender and age), clinical characteristics (extrapulmonary TB, and treatment outcomes).</li></ol>	Revision done
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. There should be a correction in Table 3. The figure for "Reported cure" in the TB+/HIV+ group should be "9" instead of "8".</li><li>2. When the author wanted to compare variables between the HIV+ group and the HIV- group, the percentage calculation should be separated between the 2 groups (not to use the total number of 128 cases.</li><li>3. Many references in the reference list are not written in the proper format. A revision is needed.</li></ol>	Revision done
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	There are a few minor points to be considered. Please find the comments in the attached manuscript.	Noted

### **PART 2:**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	