

Reviewer's comments:

I have read the author's response to my initial comments.

I still feel that

- a) There IS a sample bias and results are not representative of Nigeria.
- b) There IS scientific evidence of a higher detection of X4s in proviral DNA

Author's feedback:

- a) It is a representation of Ibadan, a part of Nigeria. That is the reason why the topic states in Ibadan, Nigeria. "Coreceptor usage of Human Immunodeficiency virus type 1 strains in Nigeria". Whatever bias there is, if any, will be negligible. Besides, It's not realistic to sample the whole population of HIV-infected individuals in Nigeria. Moreover, Ajoge *et al.* (2011) who worked with **28** samples among pregnant women reported the results as "Genetic Characteristics, Coreceptor Usage Potential and Evolution of Nigerian HIV-1 Subtype G and CRF02_AG Isolates"
- b) On the contrary, most previous articles on coreceptor usage using proviral DNA have reported a higher prevalence of R5 viral tropism. Papers by Ajoge *et al.* (2011), Raymond *et al.* (2008), Monno *et al.* (2010), Patel *et al.* (2008) and Coetzer *et al.* (2006) and Duri *et al.* (2011). These reports provide overwhelming evidence to support my argument.