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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	MS: 2012 IJTDH 2523
Title of the Manuscript:	Epidemiological Patterns of HIV/AIDS and NCDs in developing countries: <i>A cluster analysis</i>

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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The authors analyze in this time-series cross-sectional study, the epidemiological patterns of HIV and diabetes in developing countries from 2000 to 2010. The main findings were that diabetes prevalence was high and increased progressively while HIV prevalence had a decreasing trend. HIV and diabetes prevalence were negatively correlated throughout the study. On the other hand, HIV related disabilities were higher than those associated with diabetes. The scientific issue is very relevant, the objectives are clear and well specified and the methodology is appropriate. The conclusions are consistent with the objectives and results.	Thanks, we all agree with these.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Title: change the term "NCDs" by "diabetes". Abstract: I suggest including numbers in the Results Section in order to provide more accurate information. Results: I recommend the authors to shorten this section and include tables.	Title: We have changed "NCDs" to "Diabetes" Abstract: We have included some numbers Results: We have included one table and shorted the results section.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Unfortunately, the authors have not included obesity as NCDs, which could have provided interesting results.	Yes, including obesity would have provided interesting results. However, that was not initially considered in the design of this study. We appreciate your suggestion.