Creating Scientific Evidence for HIV Prevention and Elimination in COVID-19 Era: Best Practices, Policies, and Methodological Approaches

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To guide HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment programs, and to assess and address issues facing persons living with HIV (PLHIV), this Special Issue aims to generate data-driven and practice-based evidence encompassing the best practices, lessons learned, and efficient strategies on all aspects of prevention and care of PLHIV. The aim is to highlight issues facing PLHIV not simply relating to proper screening and availability of antiretroviral treatment (ART), but also covering concerns about interruptions in treatment and continued testing, such as loss to follow up and poor health outcomes emanating from broader social, economic, and cultural barriers to complete physical and behavioral health, including but not limited to housing, food security, transportation, protection against social stigma, and poor health behaviors. Issues and topics associated with COVID-19 in PLHIV may include: the use of HIV contact tracing infrastructure for HIV/AIDS to support COVID-19 contact tracing; interruptions in HIV care due to the burden of COVID-19 care; and intersecting stigma related to HIV, COVID-19, and mental health.

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