

## **Attitude of Tuberculosis Patients Towards the Risk of HIV/AIDS**

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**ABSTRACT** Tuberculosis patients are more likely to test positive to Human Immunodeficiency Virus and this is the reason more TB patients need to be tested for HIV. The goal of this paper was to find out the attitude of TB patient towards the risk of HIV/AIDS. Descriptive survey design was used with 150 participants who are receiving treatments at Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) centers in Ibadan metropolis. The survey used a pre-coded, self-administered questionnaire, which contained approximately 53 items, including demographic information. The results show that TB patients have negative attitude towards HIV as a result of fear of double stigmatization. Based on this finding, it was recommended that the healthcare system should be strengthened by embarking on periodical enlightenment programs that create awareness about danger of stigmatization of TB patients. This will help in removing the barrier of stigmatization towards tuberculosis patients for better combat HIV/AIDS.