

# Guidelines for publishing stories on the TAC website

We encourage you to comment on articles or, even better, write your own articles for the TAC website. We moderate comments and articles, so your article or comment will only appear on the website once we've reviewed and accepted it.

There are a few commonsense guidelines we apply when moderating comments or articles:

- We will not publish AIDS denialist or pseudoscientific comments or articles. We welcome diverse opinions but not nonsense. There are other sites for that.
- Your comments must be relevant to the article you're commenting on.
- Your articles must be in some way related to health in Africa.
- Please do not be rude or obscene. We won't publish it.
- Allegations of fact about people must be true and in the public interest. If we're not sure we'll err on the side of caution and not publish it. We don't want to be sued unnecessarily for defamation. (If you think an article or comment on the site defames you, please let us know so we can rectify it.)
- No outing! If you disclose the HIV status of someone, we will only allow it if we are sure the person lives openly with HIV.
- We're not the grammar police, but we reserve the right to make minor alterations to comments or articles if it makes them more readable. We generally don't do this, but we may! We will not change the meaning of comments or articles.
- We don't want to confuse people about health-care. If we think you have a scientific error in your comment or article, we might ask you to rectify it before publishing it. Please don't be offended. If we go to the trouble to do this, it means we like your article or comment and simply want to improve it.
- Please be patient. We manually moderate comments in between other work and we are already overstretched. Our resources are limited.
- We will not willingly publish articles or comments that are plagiarised. If you think we've published a comment or article which plagiarises another work, please let us know so that we can correct it.
- We won't publish product advertisements of any kind.