



The Road to Melbourne
Special Issue of *AIDS*
**Children born into families
affected by HIV**

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AIDS Special Issue Call

Examples:

- Fertility decisions by HIV-affected couples (including family planning and safe conception)
- Effects of HIV and antiretroviral drug exposure on foetal development, birth outcomes (including stillbirth, prematurity, low birth weight), and early growth and development
- Testing of young children and treatment in the context of the family
- Disclosure of HIV status (of parents or themselves) to young children
- Parental HIV illness and its impact on young children's development
- Mental health of young children in families affected by HIV
- Interventions and models of care to support young children and families affected by HIV

Co-editors: Drs Linda Richter (Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa) and Lynne Mofenson (Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, USA)

Response

± 20 enquiries

Discouraged from submitting

14 papers

Not sent for review

3 papers

Referred to an ordinary issue

23 papers

Under review

- LM and LR split editing

- no author was a reviewer

10 papers

Will be accepted

2 commentaries

Accepted, not reviewed

Wide range of papers

- Reproductive issues
- Infant exposure, infant feeding
- Disclosure to young children
- Family-based services, school and community-based services, resilience promotion, parental mental health, role of social support
- Social protection
- Resource needs, M-Health
- Three PEPFAR evidence papers

Time line

Early January

Submissions closed

20 January

All papers out for review

28 February

Reviews returned

20 March

Revised ms submitted

31 March

1st proofs

15 April

2nd proofs

30 April

Final proofs

15 May

To press

Design of the issue

- Editorial - LR & LM
- Commentaries - OGAC, Steve Hilton
? CCABA
- ? 3 PEPFAR papers - No reviews in yet

+7 or 10 papers = 10 overall

? Papers accepted for publication, but not selected for special issue

? Leeway for more papers

Launch in Melbourne

- Format – all prior issues + this one on memory stick or card. Plus paper copies
- Launch – at Symposium or IAS?
- Speakers? – OGAC? Office PL109-95? Public figure? Government person?
- Advocacy and dissemination of the two previous issues has been limited – we need to do more with the effort we put into the special issue series