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| **Table S2.** Local dysphemisms for HIV-infected persons |
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| **Countries** | **Local descriptions** |
| Ghana | “sickness of the dead but alive” [w1] (p.78) |
| Malawi | “you were finished long ago” / “you’re already dead” [w2] (p.284) |
| South Africa | “like a ghost: dead while alive” [w3] (p.228) |
|  | “this thing is already dead” [w4] (p.S116) |
|  | “corpses that live” [w5] (p.848) |
|  | “a waiting room for death” [w6] (p.25) |
| Uganda | “someone who is going to die any time” [w7] (p.1749) |
| South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe | “already corpses” [w8] (p.2275) |

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