Reviewer's report

**Title:** Antiretroviral treatment reverses HIV-associated anemia in rural Tanzania

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**Reviewer:** Christian Obirikorang

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Most of the questions that were raised in the first report has been addressed. The authors have really done a good job.

Minor revision

I would agree with the authors that there is scarcity of data in Africa on the effect of ART on haemoglobin evolution (specifically anaemia) to some extent. The aims and objectives did not address specific rural factors as aetiology of anaemia. Therefore the combined statement in the abstract that ‘the aetiology and response to ART in rural Africa is poorly understood should be rephrased to read ‘HIV-associated anaemia is common and associated with poor prognosis. However its response to ART in rural Africa is poorly understood’.

I am still of the view that table 1 looks poor even when printed out. The table should be formatted so that it goes on one page.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that i have no competing interest