Reviewer's report

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The manuscript has been overall greatly improved and the authors have well addressed the reviewer’s comments.

One small part that is unclear is that the authors say that there is a 2% power to detect a difference between the groups in the Discussion. This statement is unclear. The authors should state that given a baseline rate of X% mortality, there was an 80% power to detect a difference of Y% mortality between early and delayed ART groups. This would make the statement much clearer.

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 interests.