Reviewer's report

Title: Physician experience and rates of plasma HIV-1 RNA suppression among illicit drug users: An observational study

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The manuscript has largely improved and the authors responded satisfactorily to most raised points.

However, regarding major point #3, I appreciate that the reason for switching drugs is not accurately recorded in the database but still think that it would add to the manuscript to show the results of a time to virological failure analysis defining switching as failure regardless of the reason for switching. This analysis should partly address the question of whether skilled physicians were also able to select a regimen which was less likely to fail (either virologically or for other reasons).

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests