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Title: The Impact of HAART Initiation Timing on HIV-TB co-infected patients, a retrospective cohort study

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Dear Editor:

We would like you to consider the enclosed manuscript, “The Impact of HAART Initiation Timing among HIV-TB co-infected patients, a retrospective cohort study”, for publication in your prestigious journal. Our study provided some additive information about the impact of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) initiation timing on one-year survival and the risk of immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome (IRIS) among HIV/TB co-infected patients.

We correct the conclusion of the abstract and the main manuscript according to your recommendation. The conclusion was revised as following: “Present study found start HAART during TB treatment was associated with better one-year survival. Initiation of HAART within 60 days of TB treatment only had non-significant better survival than later initiation. Initiation of HAART within 30 days significantly increased risk and severity of IRIS. Deferring HAART to 31-60 days of TB treatment may lower the risk of IRIS and was not associated with increasing mortality.”

We also point out the corresponding author in the title page.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to our paper.

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