Author's response to reviews

Title: Prevalence and Correlates of Cytopenias in HIV-Infected Adults Initiating Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy in Uganda

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Below are my responses to the comments following initial assessment

1st Comment
<B>Title page: The title page should: list the email addresses for all authors</B>.

I have updated the title page listing the email addresses for all authors by their initials.

2nd Comment
<B>Conclusions: This should state clearly the main conclusions of the research and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance. Summary illustrations may be included.</B>

I have edited the conclusion section of the manuscript to emphasize the magnitude of cytopenia in this population the potential impact on the effectiveness of HAART if pre-treatment HIV-related cytopenias are not corrected.

3rd Comment
<B>Ethics statement:</B>

Research involving human subjects, human material, or human data, must have been performed in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki (http://www.wma.net/en/30publications/10policies/b3/index.html) and must have been approved by an appropriate ethics committee.

I have introduced a sub-heading "Ethical Considerations" in the body of the manuscript and mentioned the Ethical Committees that approved this sub-study and that informed consent was obtained for all participants.