Reviewer's report

Title: cART prescription trends in a prospective HIV cohort in rural Tanzania from 2007 to 2011

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This paper reports on how WHO guidelines for 1st line ARV are implemented in a developing country.

The data which cover a period of 5 years were prospectively collected.

The results are interesting and important for public health responsibles.

There are two limitations of the study which are stated by the authors; the relatively short FU period of 1.54 y. and the lack of data on the tolerance of Stavudine.

Around 60% of the cohort are Female. It would be interesting to know if there are difference in prescription and trends between Male and Female. Do the authors performed such analysis ? results ?

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

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