Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Reto Nuesch

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Most of the reviewers comments have been answered

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Major Compulsory Revisions
One major issue is the lack of information on CD4 counts. The authors argue, that the high correlation between CD4 count and HAART use makes them an inappropriate variable. However, hospital resource use, one of the main issues of this investigation, is certainly associated with CD4 counts. This is particularly so in this cohort with a high rate of readmission for AIDS diagnosis, also in the HAART group. I think that this limitation should be discussed with more details.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No