Reviewer’s report

Title: Durability of Stavudine, Lamivudine and Nevirapine among Advanced HIV-1 Infected Patients with/without Prior Co-administration of Rifampicin: A 144-week Prospective Study

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Reviewer: Ploenchon Chetchotisakd

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This is an interesting article of long term durability of stavudine, lamivudine and nevirapine among advanced HIV-infected patients with and without prior co-administration of rifampicin.

Here are some comments:
There is no long-term metabolic complication of ART in the results as stated in the second objective.
Did the patients in the TB group receive a lead-in when they initiated on nevirapine?
The authors should provide a figure of virological response over time between the 2 group to demonstrate the early response and the durability.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'