Reviewer’s report

Title: Immune control of HIV-1 infection after therapy interruption: immediate versus deferred antiretroviral therapy

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This is an interesting study applying mathematical modeling to address issues in respect of optimal HIV treatment approaches. Appropriately for this journal the language used is plain English making the approach used easily understandable to non-mathematical audience such as HIV clinicians. It is a nice demonstration of how modeling is increasingly been used to answer clinical questions that otherwise are difficult to address, with the proviso that the predictions of the model still need to be tested in real life to see that they hold up

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