Reviewer’s report

Title: The motor development of orphaned children with and without HIV: Pilot exploration of foster care and residential placement

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Reviewer: Carl Gabbard

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Although I do not feel strongly that this is a quality motor development assessment; some of the findings were a bit odd (e.g., 'older children did not perform relatively better than the younger children'). However, I credit the researchers for addressing these problems. The content in general is timely and applications to the specific locale appropriate. The researcher’s did address my questions.

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