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Abstract:
Deleted this sentence: “The association was seen among HIV-positive children with a relatively normal or mild immune suppression compared to those with moderate to severe suppression”

Discussion:
“Despite the low numbers, lower CD4 cell count was not associated with cerebral malaria. This finding is consistent with findings from a longitudinal study in Malawi where they found that lower CD4 cell counts were associated with higher incidences of pneumonia, sepsis, and tuberculosis but not of malaria (33).”

was replaced with

“Due to the low number of HIV infected children in our controls, we found no association between cerebral malaria and low CD4 cell count. A longitudinal study in Malawi has already indicated that lower CD4 cell counts were associated with higher incidences of pneumonia, sepsis, and tuberculosis but not of malaria (33).”

No other comments.