Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment and outcome of tuberculosis in human immunodeficiency virus infected children on anti-retroviral therapy

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General
This is a study based on hospital record on treatment and outcome of tuberculosis in children treated by HAART. It has the limitations of such an hospital based study but they are not so many missing data. As the authors state it they are only few papers on this topic in Africa even if the co-infection TB/HIV is very frequent. Also TB in HAART treated children has been even more rarely adressed in Africa. Thus this paper is important and should be published.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
There are no major compulsory revisions except that it should be published in one unique paper with the other one submitted by authors on diagnosis from the same study.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
In the abstract there is a mistake with 112% for 16/137

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
There are 18 children for whom outcome is not established ? are they all loss to follow-up ?

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory 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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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