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Dear Editor,

Thank you for this second review.

We have now revised the paper in line with the reviewers comments.

Please find the following for your kind consideration:

1) A “point by point” response to the comments of the reviewers specific responses
2) A new revised version of the manuscript.

We now hope that these changes will meet with your favourable consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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Cover letter: reply to reviewers’ comments

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**Reply to reviewer Margaret May:**

Major compulsory revisions:

1) We thank the reviewer for picking up this typing and calculation error, which occurred when revising the first manuscript. We have now rectified the person-years and recalculated the rates for the following time periods: 0-90 days, 90-180 days, and >180 days for both children on ART and for children pre-ART. Please see the changes made in Table 2.

2) We agree that Figure 2 is not very informative as it stands and decided to omit it as per the reviewer’s recommendation.

3) For Figure 4, we have redone it in order to show the outcomes at 1 year after enrolment for the subgroup of children with at least 1 year of follow-up period. This figure is now labelled Figure 2.

**Reply to reviewer Claire Thorne:**

No additional changes required by reviewer.

**Reply to reviewer Stephane Blanche:**

No additional changes required by reviewer.