Reviewer's report

Title: How HIV/AIDS scale-up has impacted on non- HIV priority services in Zambia

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This paper addresses an important issue in health development, what is the effect of increased funding for vertical HIV/AIDS programs on non-HIV health services. It takes a unique approach by examining facility level data. The paper does make a useful contribution to the field. The authors make good point about the need for more studies of this type, especially including interviews at the facility to understand trends. However, the analysis was somewhat confusing to me.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Figure 6 seems to show that there is a high correlation between increases in FP clients and increases in ART clients. But the total number of FP clients shows a flat trend (Figure 3) whereas ART clients show a rising trend (Figure 5). But Figure 6 shows only facilities with increases in both. Are these the only facilities with ART? If not, what happens in the other facilities. If so, does that mean that FP clients are decreasing in facilities without ART? That would be useful to see. I am left confused by just how I am to interpret Figure 6, and this is central to the results.

Minor Essential Revisions

2. The paper describes that data were obtained either fro facilities directly or from district offices depending on which set was most complete. The data should be the same since facility data are reported to the district office. But the reality might be different if there are problems with reporting or data management. Can the authors confirm that when data were available at both levels they were the same?

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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.