Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Population uptake of antiretroviral treatment through primary care in rural South Africa

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**Reviewer:** David Wilson

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This paper presents descriptive findings on a topic of large practical importance for the delivery of life-sustaining ART in the epi-center of the global HIV/AIDS epidemic, KwaZulu-Natal. The manuscript is well-written and has a focused and clear goal of presenting the real data on delivering ART in KZN. The scientific research question of this paper may not appear to be very novel, or in fact there was not really a question posed, but the data are still very significant. The methods and statistics appear to be sound. This paper could potentially be strengthened by discussing how the increase in ART was achieved and how further increases can be attained. It would be useful if there were data-driven evidence to back such conclusions. Further discussion of the major practical obstacles to achieving further scale-up could also improve the paper, along with strategies and indicators.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests