Reviewer's report

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Minor essential revisions

Do the authors have any data on the average time from enrollment in the program to initiation on ART. This might explain some of the CD4 count discrepancies, if the time from enrollment to initiation was short. It would also be interesting to note how this variable may have changed over time.

In the discussion section, it would be interesting to look at how Tanzania compares with other countries in the region who have had a similar maturation over time.

Are there any data on the number of patients entering into second-line regimens? This information is not essential and is beyond the scope of the paper, but if the authors have it, they might consider adding it into the paper.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests to declare.