Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors of Mortality Among HIV Infected Children on Anti-Retroviral Therapy in Mekelle Hospital, Northern Ethiopia, A retrospective Cohort Study

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Major compulsory revisions:
1. The affiliation Carla Decotelli is not given.

2. Even if cotrimoxazole prophylaxis was not collected this has to be commented in the discussion and information on recommendations for prophylaxis should be given. Was recommendation for prophylaxis given during the whole study period?

3. The reference list is inaccurate with many failures. Many references are incomplete both regarding the authors, the completeness of year, volume and pages. Furthermore the sequence of references is not chronological related to the text.

4. Discussion: The incidence density is given as 0.93 deaths per 1000 person years. This should if I have understood it right probably be 16.85 deaths.

5. The unit on the x-axis in Fig.1 is missing.

6. The language has to be checked.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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