Reviewer's report

Title: HIV Exposed Infants following at PMTCT Clinics; Risk of HIV transmission and its predictors in Northwest Ethiopia.

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Minor essential revisions

What is the catchment population and the total number of women that gave birth during the follow up study i.e. pregnant women at that time, live births and other related information would be very important for this paper.

The results section should start by stating the number of files or women that had enrolled into the PMTCT program during the studied time period. It is important to know how many mothers were negative and those that were positive.

The sentences are too long short precise sentence make the manuscript more eligible.

The questionnaire as the data collection instrument should be described in detail regarding the information that it captured and also mention how it was used in the study.

There is need for some grammatical corrections especially in the discussion. Again the sentences are very long thereby distorting the message to be put across.

There is need to discuss the results and their implications particularly in the Ethiopian contest and then the region and internationally or to the high income countries first.

The conclusion is that this is valuable information for policy makers to be able to identify the gaps within PMTCT and where interventions can be targeted- not to ‘push’ policy makers!

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that i have no competing interests