Reviewer’s report

Title: Effectiveness of a prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission programme in Guangdong province from 2007 to 2010

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Reviewer’s comments on manuscript titled ‘Effectiveness of a prevention of mother to child HIV transmission programme in Guangdong province from 2007 to 2010’

Major compulsory revisions:
1. The authors set out to conduct a case control study, after recruiting the HIV negative mothers and their infants; nothing was heard of them subsequently. It appears that the study was a retrospective review of PMTCT activities in the province. The authors need to clarify this.

2. In the methods, the authors should clearly state what protocol obtains in the province with respect to ARVs for HIV positive mothers and HIV exposed infants at different entry points into the programme. For example if diagnosis is made antenatally, intrapartum and post partum for mother and baby.

3. What were the indications for the elective caesarian deliveries was it offered to those whose HIV diagnosis was made intrapatum?

Minor essential revision

1. The entire manuscript has numerous grammatical errors; it is certainly not suitable for publication unless extensively edited. I believe this will improve on the level of interest which I currently consider as an article of interest its field. It will also improve the understanding of the manuscript.

2. The abstract is rather lengthy, it should be cut down.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None declared