Reviewer's report

Title: Very low risk of attrition among adults on antiretroviral therapy in the Rwandan national program: A retrospective cohort analysis of 6, 12, and 18 month outcomes.

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Methods: Minor Essential revision:
The methods are appropriate but there are some key parts used in the method section that needs to be further detail. An additional detailed explanation of the multi-stage approach is helpful for the reader who might not have the luxury of accessing the reference article that explains the details of multi-stage sampling. It is never the same especially the data set which in this case comes from another study tends to not always satisfy the presenting variables. The authors should provide the steps in the multi-staging process.

Result: Discretionary Revision
Given that majority of participants where in WHO stages I & II, the authors should have included BMI data to support the evidence of nutritional status as a likely contribution to the low risk of attrition. Was BMI recording part of the medical records? Can this be pooled and analyze?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare absolutely that I don't have any competing interest.