Reviewer’s report

Title: Effectiveness of two antifolate prophylactic strategies against malaria in HIV positive pregnant women in Bangui, Central African Republic: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial (MACOMBA)

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I. Previous comments adequately attended to?

The typos and language revisions have been corrected; just a few more minor omissions/inclusions have been noted that will require further attention:

1.1 Under the title “Abstract”, within the Methods/design section; the sentence starting with; All women will provide written consent … has ‘a’ before daily co-trimoxazole which could read better if the ‘a’ is perhaps removed in order to read: daily co-trimoxazole doses (960mg per dose).

1.2 Under the title “Hypothesis” on page 6, the second part of the first sentence which starts with; perhaps due to a higher plasma concentration of co-trimoxazole, the co-trimoxazole is written co-tromoxazole and therefore needs correction.

1.3 Under “Participants” on page 7, the second sentence is written: All pregnant women attending at the maternity clinics will be offered… This statement could perhaps be better rephrased by removing ‘at’ in order to read; All pregnant women attending maternity clinics will be offered an HIV test….?

1.4 On page 9 under “Data collected”, the first sentence ‘after last menstrual period reads; and/or by measured by uterine’ …. The first ‘by’ could be removed to leave the sentence to read; ‘and/or measured by uterine….’?

2. The trial flow chart, the text box next to the ‘inclusion’ text box on the last page: reads ‘Cell blood count’ instead of ‘Blood cell count’…?

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 that I have no competing interests