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Reviewer's report

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Reviewer's report:

Deborah Jones and team describe a well-thought out study to determine whether male partner involvement plus a behavioral intervention will significantly reduce infant HIV incidence by increasing levels of adherence to ART and protocols.
along the PMTCT cascade. The study design adequately tests the hypothesis and sufficient details are provided to allow replication of the work. The planned statistical analysis is appropriate. The protocol is well-written and will be a useful addition to the PMTCT epidemiology field.

Major revisions: None

Minor revisions:
1. There is no need to spell out "CD4".
   R: is removed
2. Provide citations for "Road to Health" booklet (page 15) and contraception survey instrument (page 16).
   R: added for the first one for the contraception: we created for a previous study, it has no reference and there are no published results from it

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