Author's response to reviews

Title: Profile of blood cell abnormalities among antiretroviral therapy naive HIV patients attending the Yaounde University Teaching Hospital, Cameroon

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Dear BMC Hematology editorials,
All the comments and suggestions given by each reviewer to our manuscript entitled
“Profile of blood cell abnormalities among antiretroviral therapy naïve HIV patients attending the Yaounde University Teaching Hospital, Cameroon.” are very important and valuable to make the paper scientifically sound. We the authors tried to correct and include all the comments given by each reviewer’s point-by-point.

With regards
Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Andrew Kerkhoff

Reviewer's report:

Overall:
I applaud the others for their commitment to improve this manuscript. It now reads very well and is concise in nature. Well done.

Abstract:
discretionary revisions:
can put antiretroviral therapy (ART) and then ART the second time.

Accepted and done as per the given comment.

Methods:
very minor:
line 113: were (recoded or classified) as categorical variables.

Accepted and done as per the given comment.

Results:
discretionary:
- consider merging line 130 with previous paragraph on 128. It breaks up flow to have a sub-section with a single sentence.

Accepted and done as per the given comment.

-line 135 (while) the mean Hb concentration

Accepted and done as per the given comment.

Discussion:
discretionary:
you have already defined antiretroviral therapy (ART) above. You can use ART throughout the discussion.

Accepted and done as per the given comment.

-line 173 nutrient (not nutriment) deficiency
Accepted and done as per the given comment.
-line 191 include HIV as differential diagnoses of abnormal blood films (especially in high prevalence areas).

Accepted and done as per the given comment.

-Line 192- because of (a) lack of
Accepted and done as per the given comment.

-line 207- should screen (for) hematological
Accepted and done as per the given comment.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.
Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests