Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of cytopenias in both HAART and HAART naïve HIV infected adult patients in Ethiopia: a cross sectional study

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I have reviewed the manuscript "Hematologic abnormalities among adult human immunodeficiency virus-infected patients". The authors displayed some interesting findings, however the manuscript needs improvement.

1) The authors displayed the CBC abnormalities observed in patients with HIV, and they assumed that all these abnormalities are attributed to HIV itself and/or HAART. However these findings can be due to some other disorders, which were not screened in this study. So the authors should discuss this in the discussion part.

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