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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1. The article is still lengthy and needs to be compressed.
   - The background part of the article is too long, and some content is suitable for the discussion section.
   - The method part is also needs to be summed up. For example, the description of the method to determine sample size can be deleted.
   - To modify and simplify Table 1 and table 2. The following format is suggested. The other tables may also be merged and simplified.

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<th>Variables</th>
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<th>HAART naive</th>
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   - The description of the content of tables can be condensed.

2. Pattern of anemia among the subjects - which is showed in bar graph in the article, is better to be displayed in pie chart.

3. Bone marrow examination is important for hematologic system abnormalities. Are there any subjects underwent a bone marrow puncture? And the results?

Are the methods appropriate and well described?

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Yes
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