Reviewer's report

Title: Does transient cART started during primary HIV infection undermine the long-term immunologic and virologic response on cART resumption?

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Dr. Krastinova et al. describe the effect of temporary cART started during the primary HIV-infection on the long-term immunologic and virologic response on cART continuation, by comparison with treatment initiation during the chronic phase of HIV infection. This manuscript is of great interest and importance although it is limited by the retrospective analysis and subsequently clean interpretation of the data. The important question of when and how to treat patients with early HIV infection remains not completely answered. A response to that important question requires a large, randomized trial to assess clinical end points. However, I fully support this important manuscript with no further comments.

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