Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Syphilis among people with HIV infection in southern Ethiopia: sero-prevalence and risk factors

**Version:** 2  **Date:** 1 March 2015

**Reviewer:** Angelica Miranda

**Reviewer’s report:**

Lines 52-55: Why did the authors decide to write about syphilis among pregnant women in the beginning of the introduction? I suggest to drop it and to start talking about syphilis and HIV coinfection that it is the topic of the manuscript. There are newer published references in the topic.

Line 80: It is missing a reference for the cited guidelines.

Line 95: How representative is the Hawassa Hospital regarding the HIV care in the region?

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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