Reviewer's report

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

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Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
- In the material and methods, the authors should include antiretroviral therapy (ART).
- In the statistical section, the authors should include with variables are included in the multivariate logistic regression analyses.
- The authors should include what Standard deviation (SD) in the results section.
- In the results, we want to ask to the authors why use crude OR and not adjusted OR. We consider that is better to include adjusted OR.
- In the abbreviation, include SD
- In the reference section, some reference has number of the reference and other no. The authors should use the same nomenclature.
  For example reference 19 Int J STD & AIDS. 2012; 23(6): 435-438
- Table 2, the authors should include as a footnote the meaning of RPR, TPHA and ART
- In the heading of the table 1, 2 and 3 say: …southern Ethiopia, 2013, but in the material and methods say: A cross-sectional study was conducted from January to May, 2014 at Hawassa Teaching and Referral Hospital. The authors should correct it.

Discretionary Revisions
No

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No