Reviewer’s report

Title: The Effect of Sexually Transmitted co-Infections on HIV Viral Load amongst Individuals on Antiretroviral Therapy: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Reviewer: Nico Nagelkerke

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I only have Discretionary Revisions

This is a well written ms about a rather narrow subject. The analyses appear to be well done and carefully presented. However, the ms would gain in strength if a section - rather informally written - on Bayesian hierarchical models would be included. If so, the reason why this approach was chosen (what were the alternatives) should also be discussed.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests