Reviewer’s report

Title: New Highly Active Antiretroviral drugs and generic drugs for the treatment of HIV infection: a budget impact analysis on the Italian National Health Service

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The paper has some limitations but it deserves to be published with the formula "Essential Minor Revisions". The paper extrapolates trends on consumption and links them according to expert opinions, producing a sort of neutral forecasts on local drug market. So fourth, it has mostly a local importance. Some not compulsory suggestions are provided: in a BIA with a long time horizon, it is more appropriate to use a probabilistic or a double way sensitivity analysis; the paper has a scarce readability. I would suggest the typical pictures used in the scenario analysis (optimistic, reference and pessimistic scenarios).

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None conflict of interest