Author’s response to reviews

Title: Time to viral load suppression and its associated factors in cohort of patients taking antiretroviral treatment in East Shewa Zone, Oromiya, Ethiopia, 2018

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Explanation to reviewers comment for INFD-D-19-01286 manuscript , Jemal Hassen

I kindly accept all comments by both reviewers and editors comment

Note: SH in this text stands for ‘subheading’

I have tried to address/correct all the comments given by both reviewers. To clarify the explanation by me, let’s go point by point on comments

a) Editors comment

1. About ‘insufficient’ sampling plan: all study participants with baseline count of plasma viral load has been included in the study. This explanation is addressed in subheading(SH) 2.5

2. about ‘insufficient’ statistical method: I may not consider this comment because reviewer two comment is too much detail on statistics

3. about pooling some categories: age categories and other categories are categorized either based on literature or national/WHO recommendation

b) Reviewer one

1. abstract line 50-54…….corrected as in abstract line 19 of this new forwarded manuscript

2. Study population addressed in subheading(SH) 2.4

3. The whole manuscript was reviewed for grammar, misspell addressed under subheading(SH) 2.5

4. addressed under SH 2.5
5. Repetition was deleted in SH 2.9
6. The whole paragraph of lab analysis was moved to method section, refer SH 2.7
7. addressed under line 6 and 7 of result section
8. statement was rephrased as per the reviewer comment under line 25 of the result section
9. not only result section, the whole test was reviewed for ‘orphan phrases’
10. BCD4 and BPLV was briefly explained at line 14 and 25 of result section respectively
11. This comment, I respect it but I think all variables are important and I kindly disagree with reviewer but if that’s a must and hinder my effort towards publishing my work, I can quickly delete some
12. Age estimation of mean median and mode was modified as under line 2 and 3 of the result section
13. a) plasma viral load suppression was defined under background section of line 16 and 17
   b) Time followed for the study in Brazil by Pinto was from May, 2000 until July, 2001, under discussion section line 11 added
14. Sex category corrected under result section line 33
15. the word ‘was’ was removed from sentences, refer page 10, line 4
16. Primarily this study was set up by LUND University from Sweden to study TB markers in HIV patients. So TB in this study subject has been extensible studied by other investigators.
17. Under conclusion the word ‘not’ has been changed to ‘no’ see under conclusion line 3
18. Table edited for upper case, refer table 1
19. figure 1 cannot improve fig 1 more clearer than this
20. multivariate table included, refer table 2
21. outdoor and indoor variables have been added some explanatory on them on table 1, But outdoor occupation is to mean work hired by agencies, But indoor to mean housewife
22. limitation added

Reviewer 2

1. Typo and grammar have been tried to correct the whole doc
2. time of measurement of plasma viral load was added under SH 2.6 line 3 and 4
3. lab result moved to method section
4. tables added such as multivariate table, table 2
5. orphaned statements addressed in the whole document
6. ART regimen explained under page 6, line 4-7