Reviewer’s report

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My comments have generally been addressed except a few essential revisions still needed:

1. Results line 35: You have stated "Baseline CD4 count is the value of CD4 count of the study participants". What do you mean? Do you mean it is the CD4 count of the participants before starting ART? That is what it usually mean but how you have stated it could mean that it is the CD4 count of the participants at the time of this study which will NOT be the baseline value so be clear which exactly you mean in your case. The line 37 implies that this was their CD4 count during this study which means that it was done after they have been on ART for various duration. It is therefore important that the difference is clear.

2. Results line 56-58: you have stated "Baseline PVL count in which the patients plasma viral load was measured at the start of the study, was taken when the study participant enrolled in the study". Kindly edit to read 'Baseline PVL count in this study is defined as the plasma viral load measured when participant enrolled in the study'.

3. The grammar has improved significantly but please have another read through the document, thee are still some sentences that could be constructed better.

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