Reviewer’s report

Title: PREDICTIVE FACTORS AND PREVALENCE OF MICROALBUMINURIA IN HIV-INFECTED PATIENTS: A CROSS-SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

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Reviewer: Denyse Thornley-Brown

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The authors state in their review that "...we decided to use a lower cut-off [for microalbuminuria] ... in order to decrease the diagnosis underestimation. . ."

1. I recommend that the authors include a statement that they have chosen to use a lower cut-off for the diagnosis of microalbuminuria than is generally accepted. The wording of first paragraph of the discussion suggests that the prevalence of microalbuminuria in the study population is much higher than in other HIV populations; however, this is deceptive, since a major contribution to the increased prevalence is a difference in the definition of microalbuminuria.

2. The manuscript should include the coefficient of variance of the assay used for measurement of urinary microalbumin and creatinine.

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