Reviewer’s report

Title: PRETERM PRELABOUR RUPTURE OF MEMBRANES (PPROM) AND PREGNANCY OUTCOMES IN ASSOCIATION WITH HIV-1 INFECTION IN KWAZULU NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

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Thank you for invitation to review this interesting manuscript. Some minor points need the further consideration of authors.1- Introduction: the importance of the current study and its probable clinical implication is not explained. It has been mentioned that there are not many studies that explored the association between HIV-1 infection and PPROM. It is possible to bring the results of these few studies in this section to strengthen the introduction.2- Methods: adding some explanation about the selected hospital and its characteristics can inform reader about the situation of selected site for sampling. Also please explain about the delivery process of HIV infected in that region (are all PPROM HIV-infected of region referred to this tertiary hospital?)3- statistical analysis: Please clearly defined which variables were normally distributed and which were not; also in the tables risk ratio is calculated and reported but no explanation is provided in statistical analysis regarding this model.4- Discussion is well structured and main findings are discussed.5- If it is possible add some information regarding the clinical implication of present findings.

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