Reviewer’s report

Title: Pitfalls of practicing cancer epidemiology in resource-limited settings: The case of survival and loss to follow-up after a diagnosis of Kaposi’s sarcoma in five countries across sub-Saharan Africa

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The theme and direction of this manuscript is relevant for providers of HIV care in resource limited settings.

Here are some revisions that need to be included

Minor Essential Revision:

-Country of origin as a variable should be included in Table 2 to indicate if residence in a particular country was associated with higher risk with the HR and confidence intervals

-Did the authors compare patients with biopsy-proven diagnosis against those with clinical diagnosis? were there any significant differences in overall mortality between these two groups? please include these in the manuscript

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests