Reviewer's report

Title: Anemia, diet and iron supplementation among children living with HIV: a prospective cohort study

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Minor Essential Revisions:
1. in Table 2 Legend the conjunction "end" could be substituted by "are" in the first line
2. The legend of Figure 1 appears distant from the image which is referring to

Discretionary Revisions:
1. since South India population presents an high incidence of hemoglobin disorders, it would have been interesting to include in laboratory examination hemoglobin electrophoresis to distinguish this kind of anemia from others
2. it would have been also interesting to have a population of control of South India not affected by HIV to evaluate anemia and chronic inflammation which seems, in my view, a parameter quite opinable

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

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