Reviewer’s report

Title: Risk factors for recurrent severe anemia among previously transfused children in Uganda: an age-matched case-control study

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Reviewer: ME Bettinelli

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Thank you very much for your insights in the African Pediatrics. My few comments are the following:

Line 137 please eliminate ;

Line 138 please put , after urine

Line 141 FBC (Full Blood Cells): put this acronym in the list of abbreviations

Line 172 Table instead table

Line 172 about ACTS, do you mean ACTS use prior to admission?

Line 184 about nine variable, clarify better this point

Line 186 Table instead table

Line 221 please eliminate ;

Line 229 please eliminate ;

Line 249 please eliminate ;

Line 259 please clarify better comprehensive investigations

Line 261 Abbreviations please put in alphabetical order and insert FBC

Line 335 about variable sex, I think you inverted cases with controls. The number of cases is 95 instead of 101, the number of controls is 95 instead of 101. Please check them.

Line 338 idem as mentioned about. Please check these data! In the table 2, about the variables No of meals per day and mother's age, the number of cases and controls are lower. Are this information lost? I think you might comment about this point.
About History of earlier previous transfusions, the sum of controls is 96 instead of 95. Please check the data!

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