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Dear editors and reviewers,

We would like to thank the reviewers and the editorial board for their helpful comments and suggestions that contribute to further improving our manuscript.

As suggested by the Editorial Office after addressing all the concerns, we would like to submit a new manuscript to BMC Public Health.

The editors and reviewers points were considered carefully in the revised version of this manuscript and several additional analyses were conducted. Accordingly parts of the manuscript were rewritten in order to strengthen the comprehensibility and transparency of our approach in the manuscript.
The exact composition of ART regimen of the ClinSurv HIV cohort (CSH) were analysed and discussed. The thiacytidine-containing regimen (TCM) related changes were not considered for the calculation in the revised version since the effect was marginal. In addition, the statistical method for smoothing the seasonal effect has been changed.

In this document we have addressed each of the editors' and reviewers' suggestions and explain the revisions made.

We hope that the new manuscript satisfactorily addresses the issues raised by the reviewers and editors and is acceptable for publication in BMC Public Health.

We are looking forward to hearing from you,

With best regards

Daniel Schmidt on behalf of all coauthors