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Dear Editor:

We are sending a manuscript entitled “the effect of Isoniazid preventive therapy on tuberculosis incidence in adult HIV-infected patients under pre-ART care, Jimma University specialized hospital, south west of Ethiopia”. We would like to submit it to BMC Public Health not else.

The effect of Isoniazid preventive therapy among HIV-infected patients under HAART has been extensively studied on most countries of the world. But few studies have been done on the effect of Isoniazid preventive therapy in adult HIV-infected patients under pre-ART care in resource limited settings like Ethiopia. Different studies conducted in different places had shown inconsistent results of the IPT protection against TB and evidence are increasing that shows the effects of 6-month IPT lost with short duration in developed and developing countries. Isoniazid preventive therapy effectiveness also varies with time and places and this necessitates having more local studies shows the effect of IPT at country level for evidence based decision making.

In this research article, we analyzed the effect of IPT on the incidence of TB and determinants associated with TB disease among HIV positive patients (pre-ART) and Furthermore TB free survival probability in HIV infected patients among IPT user and non-users was also some specific objectives answered by this study.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose. We hope that the manuscript meets the high standards of your journal. We are looking forward to receiving a favorable response from you regarding the acceptance of our manuscript.

Sincerely yours.

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