Reviewer’s report

Title: "I beg you…breastfeed the baby, things changed": Infant feeding experiences among Ugandan mothers living with HIV in the context of evolving guidelines to prevent perinatal transmission

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This paper provides relevant information.

Some clarifications are needed.

Abstract

Line 32. Actually, the more recent guidelines recommend breastfeeding up to 24 months, as the authors reported in Table 1, in the Background section (pag. 3, line 16) and in the Discussion section (pag. 13, line 315).

Methods

Pag. 4. Line 98. The authors say that the time of the study is 2014, actually the time of the study is between March 2012 and October 2013, period of breastfeeding of included children.

Results

Pag. 6. The authors say that 20 women were interviewed and report in Table 2 their characteristics. However, in line 43, they say that 14 women described an infant feeding experience in response to open questions about challenges and opportunities experienced during the first six months postpartum. So, which is the number of women really included in the study?

Page 6. Lines 143-148. The authors report that 10 women described an infant feeding practice inconsistent with reigning WHO recommendations. However, later when they describe these women in lines 147-148, they refer to 14 women.

Page 6. Lines 149-152. N. 2 and N. 3 seem to overlap. I wonder if these two could be combined.
Table 2. Median age is 38 (with a wrong IQR) while in the text is 33.

Pag. 8. Lines 177-197. The two cases reported are very similar: both describe early weaning, lack of mixed feeding and being admonished by the doctor.

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