Reviewer’s report

Title: The readiness of the national health laboratory system in supporting care and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania

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This well written manuscript from Tanzania is address important topic. Listed below are my comments

Major Compulsary
1. My greatest concern in this manuscript is the lack data of laboratory performance for HIV service in Tanzania and in several service level. Simple performance indicators of HIV service, e.g waiting time in clinic for HIV test, could help the reader better understand the problem.

2. In my experience, external donor funding might have huge impact on the performance of the health care workers. Please show this issue in result and discussion section.

Minor Essential Revision
1. Please consider to include process of supervision or quality control of HIV-related laboratory service in Tanzania.

2. Please include data regarding professional and non-professional laboratory staff in each laboratory sites.

3. Please include data regarding guideline development process in Tanzania.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests