Reviewer’s report

Title: Uptake of services for prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in a community cohort in rural Tanzania from 2005 to 2012

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Major revisions
1. The stats all presented in both the abstract and main body of manuscript, particularly those relate to numbers of HIV positive as well as pregnancies and proportions being derived out thereof need to be written a bit more clearly and corrections proportions indicated e.g. In the first statement under results. The abstract and elsewhere in the body, 849 women out of 1497 were said to not have been linked as this proton was up as 26% when it is actually higher - the author needs to re-write all the statistics clearer serially where comparisons are being added

2. I figure 1 on the PMtCt cascade, the numbers do not add up between step 2 and 3 - number HIV positive and number HIV positive pregnant one - 982 of the 1466 positive women were pregnant and 477 were said not to have been pregnant. There are 7 women not accounted for - where do they fall?

3. They have not noted any study limitations but considering that these data were being excited retrospectivel, there must have been some limitations. Let the author highlight th study limitations

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests