Reviewer’s report

Title: Cervical cancer screening service utilization and associated factors among HIV positive women attending adult ART clinic in Public Health Facilities, Hawassa town, Ethiopia: A cross-sectional study

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Basically, I find this manuscript as a simple report and it is not going to add anything to science. There are major concerns regards scientific writing and design for this manuscript. I address some of them below:

A-Abstract:
1-CD4 count in reporting associated risk factors (P3, L30). Everybody has "CD4 counts"? It should be CD4 count less/more than 500 (cells per cubic millimeter of blood).
2- Directional conclusion in results (P3, L30-38): I find a strong statement for reporting the results. "Having a post primary education,... were factors that determine cervical cancer screening utilization". We evaluate the association in the cross-sectional study. We don't know the causal effect.
3- Conclusion: they report the results of the study, instead of the conclusion.

B-Methods
1- English writing (P6, L8): "conducted from March 2 to April 1/4/ 2019" OR (P3, L19): "All HIV positive women attending ART Clinic at Public health facilities where there is CCS in Hawassa City Administration."
2- Definition of "Utilization of cervical cancer screening" (P7, L48): I want to know why authors chose 5 years for this definition. is there any reference in the literature? I would rather select a timeline based on the recommended guideline for cervical cancer screening in HIV infected people.
3- is there any reason that the authors chose these specific months for their study? Timeline is more important in the cross-sectional study rather than completing sample size?

C-Results:
1- P9, L10: "The mean age (+/-standard deviation) of the respondents was 33.4 years (+/-8.7 years)". I would rather address this in methods.
2- For table 1-4: I would like to see the distribution of the demographics stratified by screening history.
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No

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