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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>In the abstract, the point how counselling is related to malnutrition – is not getting cleared.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>The point how counselling is related to malnutrition – is not getting cleared. At various places it is mentioned that- <b>Those who attended HIV-related counselling were more malnourished (60.43) than those who did not attend the counselling. Point no. 3.5. But how counselling was done and how was it assessed is not clear.</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>	<p>By counselling here we meant HIV-related counselling not counselling on nutrition.</p> <p>HIV-related counselling is the routine clinical service. The HIV counselling is a standard HIV counselling that all the patients go through. In our questionnaire we asked them if they receive this counselling before initiated into ART, 15 of them denied and 124 accepted.</p> <p>Patients were recruited into the study consecutively and through a structured questionnaire, they were asked if they recieved HIV-related counselling or not.</p> <p>We did not assess the counselling, we simply asked them if they recieved HIV-related counselling or not. This was done through a structured questionnaire where patients were asked if they recieved HIV-related counselling or not while they come for their monthly drug refill.</p>
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