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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment The abstract is well written with good statistical result summary showing the incidence rate, 95% CI, Hazard ratios of acquiring the HIV by the breastfeeding infants. The introduction and the problem well stated, resulting and discussions with very minor comments. The statistics The work meet the standards and worth publishing in the IJTDH.	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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Abstract: None INTRODUCTION: The authors should have a paragraph or two on breastfeeding and the advantages of breastfeeding. METHODS: Design: What is the initial name of the cohort study that the current study is extracted from? mention in the design or subject/participant section Settings: The Prevalence of HIV in the general population in Dar es Salaam should also be mentioned as the case of malaria (12%). Subjects/Participants: The inclusion and exclusion criteria are not clear. The author should have a separate section for the inclusion and exclusion criteria for better clarity. Standard care: The role of PEPFAR is not clear in this section. The role of PEPFAR should be precise Outcome : The screening of the HIV status of the infants at baseline should be mentioned before at 6 months. Explain why the baseline assessment was not determine? Statistics: The authors should explain how the mean and standard deviation were determined and for which type of data? Ethics: Issues concerning ethics clearance were not	



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	mention. They should be after the statistical section. RESULTS: Good DISCUSSION; good REFERENCES: The authors should up date 2012 and 2013 reference. There excellent update on PMCTC work in various publishing indexes.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	There just some few grammatical errors. The <i>P. faciparum</i> should be intalicize throughout. The authors should mention the attrition rate.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The malarial Morbidity and Postnatal HIV Infection in Breastfeeding HIV-exposed Infants is an excellent nested study and should be published in the IJTDH . Not fully mention. The ethics committee that approved the work was not mentioned. the IRB committee that approved the work should be fully mentioned.	

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