Reviewer's report

Title: Cost and cost-effectiveness analyses of global HIV training programs

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1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
   Yes. The authors propose a "how to" introduction to cost analysis and CEA of HIV training programs for non economists and also show that such "how to" guides are lacking.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
   While the methods are basic, there is room for improvement. For "sound" Cost Analysis and CEA it would be helpful to include the following:
   - Potential sources of cost and effectiveness data
   - Formulas on how to do undertake necessary calculations
   - Assumptions being made in the analysis and the sources/basis of the assumptions
   - Sensitivity analysis

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
   The data presented for illustrative purposes is informative.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Table one can be better presented.
   It would be helpful to include descriptions for the table so that they can be self explanatory.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Yes

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   The abstract is clear and so is the title.

7. Is the writing acceptable?
   Yes.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest
Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests.