Reviewer's report

Title: Telling partners about chlamydia: how acceptable are the new technologies?

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This article is well-written, clear and succinct. Despite the excitement over text messaging and e-mail and the ease with which these technologies can be used to communication, this study shows that they are not necessarily the most desirable methods for partner notification. I think this study will direct providers and public health departments to think about how they might empower their patients and clients to communicate openly about sex and STI with their partners. The conclusions come directly from the results and are wholly appropriate.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Identify the reasons why invited patients and clients declined to participate. Are there any factors that distinguished those who declined participation from those who did not?

2. Flesh out the limitations just a bit more. This is a small study: 66 invited, 40 (60%) agreed and were able to take part. Selection may be biased and it may be worth thinking about how the way in which participants were selected might have impacted the results. I appreciate the acknowledgement of discrepancies in this study and studies of partner notifications practices among MSM.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.