Reviewer's report

**Title:** Seroprevalence, predictors and estimated incidence of maternal and neonatal Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 Infection in semi-urban women in Kilifi, Kenya

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**Reviewer:** Marshall Munjoma

**Reviewer's report:**

The authors have really done a commendable job to address all the issues that I raised in the first review. I have gone through the revised manuscript and am happy with it, except for very minor corrections which do not have to be referred back to me for approval as the level of the corrections is such that the editor can deal with.

• Abstract Background, last sentence. The word coastal has been removed. I think it is important to indicate the region in Kenya where the study took place. I humbly suggest that the word be restored.

• Abstract Results, last sentence. In the DSS sample HSV-2 incidence was estimated at 4 cases (95% CI: 3-4) per 1000 woman per year. Please check the upper limit of your CI. It cannot be 4.

• Methods, page 7 first line. Please remove the last two words "were collected" as this is repetitive.

What next?: After concurrence with other reviewers please accept ONLY after the above minor corrections have been attended to.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
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