Reviewer's report

Title: "I made antiretrovirals part of my life": Understanding the Facilitators and Barriers of Antiretroviral Adherence in Peru

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This manuscript reports a relatively simple qualitative assessment of the facilitators and barriers to anti-retroviral treatment among a small sample of HIV/AIDS patients in Lima, Peru. The authors state that their findings are similar to those reported from other resource constrained settings. The manuscript in its current form seems very simplistic. Addressing the following issues would be useful:

Major revisions

1. As this manuscript is based on qualitative in-depth semi-structured interviews, the methods section must describe these in a lot more detail than has been done in the manuscript.

2. As the findings from this study are quite basic, it would be useful to discuss more specifically and in more detail their implications for intervention programs than has been done in the manuscript.

3. Limitations of this research should be described in the discussion section.

Minor revisions

1. It is not clear why “I made antiretrovirals part of my life” should be part of the title of the paper. It seems odd.

2. The term “mestizo” should be explained.

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests.