Reviewer's report

Title: Shamba Maisha: A Pilot Study Assessing Impacts of a Micro-Irrigation Intervention on the Health and Economic Well-being of HIV Patients

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Reviewer: Pamella Opiyo

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The question posed by the authors is well defined and method used well defined. The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found and the writing is acceptable

Major compulsory revisions

1. Since the number of analyzable participants was small (less than 30), it would be helpful to further use qualitative analysis to emphasise the feasibility and or importance of including other livelihood approaches such as health and economic outcomes to microfinance loans. For instance, quotes from participants or short cases.

Minor essential revisions

2. Negatively impacts poverty? Suggest negatively impacts poverty alleviation. Since poverty is already negative

3. Use of “an” before the acronym HIV

4. It has been argued that not all who have the virus are actually ill, it might therefore be safe to use the “AIDS” when talking about treatment and care

Under references

5. KNBS (200???)

6. Indicate date of document retrieval when referring to web-based databases (that is not a journal, paper presented in a meeting that is not bound to change) from http:// as they are frequently updated

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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