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Authors: Sasaki et al.

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Overall comments

• There is still a need to review English language grammar in the overall document.

• Even though the authors have made changes to this version of the manuscript, there are still major compulsory issues that need to be looked at.

• It has been difficult to follow the corrections made. Pleased consider for next time to include the correction in the explanation and /or cite the page/paragraph/line.

Method:

• Questionnaire items: such as “experience of ANC” is still not clear (page 4)

• The authors mention that to avoid response bias, reasons for not tested were not collected, this is not clear.

Results:

• Among mothers who got tested for HIV, “perfect score” was observed. Perfect score of what? (page 6). How was this calculated, what is the definition of this variable. This has not been clarified.

Discussion

• Page 8: Even though the issue of provided initiated testing and counselling (PITC)and being aware or not of the possibility of individual counselling as well is important (as suggested in the previous review), it is not well discussed here. It is written but with no link to the results of the study. This needs to be clarified.
• Page 8: It is still not clear for this reviewer why authors mention the risk of not obtaining knowledge on HIV concepts with PITC.

• Page 10: The paper by Perez et al. is in Zimbabwe not Zambia!

References:
- The format of references still needs to be reviewed..

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I have no conflict of interest.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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