Reviewer's report

Title: Perceptions about sexual abstinence and knowledge of HIV/AIDS prevention among in-school adolescents in a western Nigerian city

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The authors have made a major revision responding appropriately to nearly all the suggestions in the previous review. I particularly liked the greater detail about the focus groups and integration of the quantitative and qualitative findings.

I had a lot of trouble reading this because it was uploaded in track-changes with all the revisions visible for both the text and the tables - please try to add a note to authors to not do that. Also, a very important figure was missing.

Major Compulsory Revisions: None

Minor Essential Revisions: This really needs a very careful edit for sentence structure, flow, typos and correct usage. If possible I would highly recommend hiring a professional editor with expertise in research article editing. If that is not possible, perhaps a colleague with a literature/scientific writing expertise could do this.

Discretionary revisions: I find the labels excellent/good/poor attitude toward abstinence a little less descriptive than would be desirable. I think 'highly favorable, favorable and negative' would be better descriptors.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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