Reviewer's report

Title: 'Pregnancy comes accidentally - like it did with me': Reproductive Decisions among Women on ART and their Partners in Rural Uganda: A Qualitative Study

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This paper discusses a very interesting and important issue and it certainly sits neatly within the scope of the Journal. However, there are several comments I wish to make in order to strengthen to paper here.

1. the paper is too 'descriptive' and it does not add any new knowledge to the field. In the discussion section, the authors only compare their findings to previous studies. This leaves me with the question 'so what?'.

2. The paper does not based on any conceptual framework. It renders the paper conceptually weak. In a qualitative study, the findings should be situated within some conceptual frameworks or to develop some conceptual frameworks from the data. This paper lacks both. And this is the reason that makes the paper too descriptive.

3. The paper is based on a qualitative research. I agree entirely that this approach is essential when we know little about the issue under examination. The authors descripbe the methodology adequately. However, the authors report their findings as if it is a quantitative research using numbers to indicate how many participants subscribe to each issue. This is inappropriate and inadequate for a good piece of qualitative research. Instead, the authors should focus more on the concepts emerging from the data and go in great depth in interpret the findings. This does not occur in this paper. The themes are developed too simply and this is the reason that it does not add new knowledge to the field.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'