Reviewer's report

Title: Porn video shows, local brew, and transactional sex: a risky combination for HIV infection among youth in Kisumu, Kenya

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Suggested Revisions:
Major revisions:
1) This paper devotes a lot of attention to female vulnerabilities. This is important, but it is also important to discuss how prevailing norms on masculinity influence risk in both men and women. Findings from this study point strongly to the role of men in perpetuating the local epidemic (forcing sex, gang rape, multiple concurrent relationships). Additional discussion needs to be given to male gender roles (the discussion section focuses almost exclusively on young women while the conclusions do a better job at discussing men and male gender roles).

2) The conclusions to this paper are too far reaching for the results presented. The first part of the conclusions appears to be a laundry list of suggestions. This section could be more focused.

Minor revisions:
1) In the background, in paragraph 2 (page 3), sentence three is superfluous and does not add to your overall point, which is to help explain the rationale for studying the sexual interactions of adolescents. This information is better placed in the discussion section on page 10, paragraph 3, when you discuss that many youth were orphans.

2) In the last paragraph of the method’s section, disco funerals are discussed. I do not think that this is the appropriate place for this paragraph. It is confusing here. Disco funerals should be defined in the results section when they are first mentioned. If the authors deem it important, they could perhaps further discuss disco funerals in the discussion.

3) Do you know the average age of the adolescents interviewed in this study? It would help with the interpretation of the results. For example, the importance of the finding that 49% of women have ever had sex is different if the average age of women studying is 15 versus 19.

Discretionary revision

1) Shorten title- For example, instead of stating “porn video shows,” replace with pornography. Shortening the title will help to make the article more catchy to potential readers.
**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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