Reviewer's report

Title: Barriers to antiretroviral therapy adherence in rural Mozambique

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The different understandings of health workers and community members about causes of non adherence is quite important, and I congratulate the authors for this study.

Major Compulsory Revisions -
1: The paper indicates that community respondents were not necessarily HIV infected. While barriers to adherence in general may be characterized by a mixed population, it seems difficult to make statements that are specific to HIV with a mixed population of community respondents. Is there information about HIV status of community focus group members? if so, analysis should include this information. If not, then the discussions section needs to acknowledge this as a significant limit of this study.

While view of community members in general is important, I would think that making policy and program changes that are not based upon specific reports of HIV infected patients about barriers is a great concern - we do not know from what is presented in this paper if the community members are representative of HIV infected patients.

Similarly, are the HCW those who take care of people with HIV? This should be described as I would be much more interested in attitudes of those HCW who take care of patients with HIV rather than a random assortment of HCW

Minor: use f HIV/AIDS should be for specific situations - in general the authors should review with an eye towards UNAIDS guide for proper usage.

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