Reviewer’s report

Title: Understanding Patient Acceptance and Refusal of HIV Testing in the Emergency Department

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Thanks for the opportunity to review this manuscript describing the results of a qualitative study to evaluate patient acceptance of HIV testing in the emergency department. This manuscript is relatively well written and the methods are clear. The authors use traditional qualitative methods to arrive at several conclusions, some consistent with prior work.

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.

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