Reviewer’s report

Title: Acceptability of condom promotion and distribution among 10-19 year-old adolescents in Mpwapwa and Mbeya rural districts, Tanzania

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1. More relevant literature was reviewed.

2. While concerns have been addressed, it is still unclear why Dodoma with HIV relatively low HIV prevalence rate was selected together with Mbeya whose prevalence rate is 14%. Perhaps authors wished to find out what is the level of condom acceptance in the two areas with different prevalence rate. If this is the case, they need to state so. Furthermore, authors need to provide us with the national level so that we are able to see how the two study areas compare to the national prevalence rate. The way authors have presented the prevalence rates without clarification and national prevalence rate is not very informative. The issue was not to just present the rates but to inform readers why those two areas as there are many areas with similar characteristics to those of Mbeya and Mpwapwa.

3. Well addressed.

4. Well addressed.

5. Well addressed.

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

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