Reviewer's report

Title: Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Primary Health Care in the State of Ceara, Brazil

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Reviewer: Monica Alonso Gonzalez

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1. Review and make objectives more specific. The term 'use' is broad and can be interpreted in many ways by different readers.

2. Present the analytical framework for the analysis of what is “use of the syndromic approach in primary health care”. You present the variables but it is not clear what are the key variables to indicate that the "use" of this strategy is a good one. You mention it in the conclusions but it should be clarified in the methods.

3. Review the percentages being presented in table 1 and decide on what percentage is most relevant to present (across or down).

4. Review the accuracy of the conclusions and present only those that can be extracted from the data.

5. Edit the English language.

Please see detailed comments attached.

Given the nature of the comments, all constitute major revisions.

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

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests.