Reviewer’s report

Title: Improving adherence to ante-retroviral treatment for people with harmful alcohol use in Kariobangi, Kenya through participatory research and action

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Reviewer: Shelley Lees

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This paper has been extensively revised but due to the lack of detail in the covering letter it is hard to ascertain which text is new and which is original. It does, however, read better than the previous version and the authors have addressed my previous comments. However, I still think it needs some revision.

Major Compulsory Revisions

Background
1. The background still needs some editing. The sentence concerning prevalence rates is confusing. It is hard to see what the rest of the paragraph on vulnerability to HIV infection has to do with this paper.
2. In the next paragraph there is mention that alcohol increases sexual arousal. Is there evidence for this?
3. The terms hazardous drinking and harmful alcohol use are both mentioned in the next paragraph. Are they different? Also start with a definition before talking about the numbers involved.
4. The sentence ‘These included the development of effective services for alcohol-use disorders including HIV/AIDS’ implies that HIV/AIDS is a alcohol use disorder, is this true?

Methods
5. Please use better wording than ‘it touched on a person’s private data’
6. The last sentence in the paragraph starting ‘at the initial meeting’ does not make sense

Minor Essential Revisions

7. Check all the grammar, especially the use of commas

Discretionary Revisions

None

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