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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Authors have rewritten the paper and wisely choose to focus on their qualitative findings.

However, there are still some limitations:

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1) In the ‘Objective section’ authors stated that their study population was ‘PLWHA who also use alcohol in a harmful way’. As PLWA included were not objectively assessed on their alcohol consumption, authors should state this point in the ‘limitation section’

2) The 'Follow-up section' does not provide any objective results on the impact of the intervention on alcohol use or clinic attendance. Authors should describe and compare results of their ‘visual analogue scale’ as far as they were applied to the same persons prior and after the intervention. If authors cannot provide any objective results they should remove this section as it does not add any relevant information to the present manuscript. In addition, author should remove the sentence 'Follow-up after 7 months showed a modest improvement in the adherence and levels of alcohol use as reported by the participants' from the 'Abstract section'.

Minor Essential Revision :

3) Authors should update the reference of the WHO AIDS epidemic update (2010)

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none