Reviewer's report

Title: Do accurate HIV and antiretroviral therapy knowledge, and previous testing experiences increase the uptake of HIV voluntary counselling and testing? Results from a cohort study in rural Tanzania

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Minor Essential Revisions

1. It may be important to note that data was collected five years ago and the findings may have been overtaken by more recently collected data.
2. Overall, the manuscript writing is acceptable. Revision of paragraph 6 of the background section, (page 5) is recommended, to ensure clarity.
   a. First sentence: "be unlikely to be able to"
   b. Second sentence too long. Reader fails to follow the point. Consider splitting into shorter sentences.

Limitations to the study

Although the authors clearly state the limitations, it may be important to note that data was collected five years ago and the findings may have been overtaken by more recently collected data.

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'