Reviewer's report

Title: Stigma trajectories among people living with HIV (PLHIV) embarking on a lifetime journey with antiretroviral drugs in Jinja, Uganda.

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The manuscript has been substantially reworked and, in parts, re-written in line with comments from earlier reviews. The flow and clarity of the overall argument and narrative have been improved in this version and the methodology section is much more detailed.

There are some typos and language corrections to address before publication, below are a few items to address, however this is not an exhaustive list.

Minor Revisions:

P.10 Replace ‘the dead participant during thr enrolment’ with ‘the participant who passed away during the enrolment phase’.

P.10 Add ‘the quotations used in this manuscript’

P.19 Delete ‘the’ in ‘fully reintegrated into society’

P.20 change the sentence to ‘yet they had to find time for ART delivery.’

P.29 Unclear sentence – consider splitting in two: ‘The illness and dependence on others that these participants report before starting ART motivated them to adhere well and the dramatic positive changes helped reduce stigma.’

P.29 Indicate how the stigma was different (related to ART? Drug taking? Bodily changes? ): ‘there was noticeable re-emergence of stigma...’

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