Reviewer's report

Title: HIV preventive behavior and associated factors among mining workers in Sali traditional gold mining site Bench Maji zone, Southwest Ethiopia: A cross sectional study.

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Reviewer: Willemijn Mathilda Vermeer

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Major Compulsory Revisions
- I thank the authors for the information provided in response to my second comments. It would improve the quality of the paper enormously if this information is included in the paper.
- Although I can understand the choice for a combined outcome measure, I still think that this choice needs some explanation and that the statement in line 256-258 can and should be based on your data (and if so, this should be stated in the paper). Are your findings indeed comparable with others studies if you run the analyses on individual components of preventive behaviours?
- I am a bit puzzled about your response to my 7th comment (about the choice to dichotomise the predictors). As far as I know, if possible it is always better to include predictors as continuous variables.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.