Reviewer's report

Title: Perceived family support and condom use among secondary school female students in Limbe urban city of Cameroon

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Minor revisions

1. The author has done a good job of updating the literature for the background section. He should, however, identify the location of the various studies as they do not all pertain to the African setting. For example, he says: "Previous studies on parent-adolescent communication about sexual issues have therefore shown some association with condom use [10-13]." yet these studies are from the USA exclusively. The author can use this to reinforce his rationale for applying the theoretical models to the urban setting in Cameroon.

2. "self-completion questionnaires" should be "self-administered" which is what is in the abstract.

3. I don't understand how the probability sampling was undertaken. How were the class attendance registers used?

4. The coefficient alpha for the reliability testing should be included.

5. In my previous correspondence, I suggested the creation of an index to more fully measure the behavioral aspects of condom use. Instead of including this, I believe the author included a list of variable "measures". These details of the variables do not need to be included in this way and could be deleted.

6. Please state the denominator for the results since the proportions noted (%) response) for variables mentioned in previous paragraph are not the same.

7. The beginning part of the discussion is a bit choppy and could be made to read more smoothly; in particular, the author could expand the discussion around religion as a behavioral factor since his recommendation is to conduct the same research in other religious settings.

8. Table 1 is not necessary since the details are mentioned in narrative form in the text.

9. Table 4 is not necessary since the details can be easily integrated into the narrative.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.