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Dear Editorial Board of BMC Public Health

Enclosed please find the manuscript titled ‘Perceptions of HIV/STI prevention among young adults in Sweden who travel abroad. A qualitative study with focus group and individual interviews’ by Anna Qvarnström and Marie Oscarsson, submitted as an Original Article to BMC Public Health Journal, to be considered for publication. Both authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript. Furthermore, there are no conflicts of interests, financial or otherwise to report. We certify that the manuscript is original research and is not under review with any other publication.

Young adults and foreign travellers are prevention groups for HIV/STI that get special focus in Sweden. In this manuscript, based on four individual interviews and 12 focus group interviews (altogether 48 participants), we report young adults’ experiences in and attitudes towards prevention efforts that did, or did not, reach them prior to traveling abroad. To our knowledge, this has not been investigated previously.

We think it is important to illustrate the experiences in and attitudes towards prevention efforts among young adults since it is of relevance when planning prevention efforts. This knowledge can help us to maximise the benefits and to learn how to avoid implementing means that are not effective. Therefore, we believe that our findings could be of interest to the readers of BMC Public Health.

We hope that the editorial board will agree on the interest of this study. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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