Reviewer’s report

Title: Population and antenatal-based HIV prevalence estimates in a high contracepting female population in rural South Africa

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Methods, page 7, para 1 – Please provide reference for the population in line 2.
2. Methods, page 7 – How was pregnancy related question asked to the respondents in the population-based survey? In other words, were the respondents given an indication to report any pregnancy irrespective of whether it resulted in birth of a child or not?
3. Methods, page 8, para 1 – Please specify if the informed consent provided was oral or written.
4. Discussion – The issue of low rate of HIV testing is now addressed in the discussion. It may be useful to address it in the beginning of the discussion rather than after discussing the study findings so that the readers have a context for the study findings.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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