Reviewer’s report

Title: Lack of knowledge and perceived stigma influence care-seeking for sexually transmitted infections among persons attending public clinics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: A qualitative study.

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General
The authors have sufficiently/successfully reacted on my comments. By including minor explanations/alterations in the text they have better stated the purpose of the study and its limitations, thereby meeting my criticism.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
* Page 10 halfway: "... became clear that the several of the MSM ..." => Delete "the".
* Page 14 3rd quote and page 15 1st quote: delete the "enters" (white lines) between sentences of Interviewer and Respondent.
* Page 14 last quote: "...think you would up..." => I assume this should be "end up"?

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
None

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.