Reviewer's report

Title: Systematic Review of Effectiveness of School-Based Sexual Health Interventions in Sub-Saharan 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)

The revision shows substantial improvement. Reviewers’ comments are carefully addressed. There are three more suggestions:

1. The authors pointed out the difference between this review and Gallant & Maticka-Tyndale (2004) review on page 4 – that is, this review includes only studies with control groups. However, the majority of the relevant studies in the field utilize control groups. Consequently, there is still a considerable overlap between the two reviews. It would be informative to the reader if the authors could discuss the divergent and convergent findings from the two reviews.

2. The authors provided the quality assessment scale in the appendix. However, it is still not clear how they used the quality assessment form. Was the form used to select a set of studies? Or, was it used to describe the methodology features of selected studies? It seems to be the later case. More clarification is needed.

3. The authors can combine the conclusion with the discussion to eliminate the repeat of the information

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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.