Reviewer's report

Title: Dual method contraception among Human Immunodeficiency Virus positive parturient in south eastern Nigeria

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Thank you for asking me to review this paper. This is the first paper I have ever been asked to review where the title makes no sense. Even if we correct the grammar and add an "of" after method and an "s" after parturient we are none the wiser. We glean that we are dealing with HIV infected woman who give birth and for some reason are using 2 methods of contraception. By reading the paper further we discern that they are referring to the practice of getting HIV positive women who have recently given birth to use barrier methods in addition to known effective types of contraception. One to prevent pregnancy the other to protect against HIV transmission. They fail to make this distinction and it becomes almost impossible to follow parts of the paper and tables after that.

If an HIV positive woman who is sterilised uses condoms they are not being used as contraceptives. They fail to grasp that barrier methods are contraceptives (and barriers to infection) and barriers to infection only in other instances.

The description of the methods is clear and I think the methods & the rest of the paper have been written by different authors. I have not attempted to evaluate the methodology because of the confused introduction. The premise is good and this would be interesting to read if it was presented properly. The paper needs a total intelligible rewrite.

Major revision-rewrite needed.

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

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests.