Reviewer’s report

Title: High Acceptability for Cell Phone Text Messages to Improve Health-Related Communication among HIV-infected patients in rural Uganda: A cross-sectional survey study

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As a reviewer, I have no major compulsory or minor essential revisions. It is unclear why the methods are placed after the results/discussion/conclusions, please move them.

Discretionary Revisions: This research is helpful in deciding methods of intervention that are appropriate in different contexts. There is little acknowledgement of the costs associated for receiving texts in this RLS. Would these costs would need to be addressed/compensated by the provider? Please add a point of discussion about costs of texting in this environment.

The level of acceptability is pretty surprising considering there is a risk of disclosure. It seemed that qualitatively, you managed to reach a sample of individuals who had already disclosed their status. This may be limited in other settings.

Language and literacy are high, which is also surprising in this rural sample. There was little discussion on the translation process of the tools. Please add a comment about that process.

There are interventions that are using cell phones for texting without testing the acceptability with success. I suppose that would infer acceptability. Specifically, these are being done in Kenya and Malawi. Please include those references.

Overall, a well-written and informing piece of research.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.