**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Conceptual models for Mental Distress among HIV infected and uninfected: A contribution to clinical practice and research in primary-health-care centers in Zambia

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**Reviewer:** Earlise C Ward

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**Major Compulsory Revisions**

1) I suggest the authors place the added details about data analysis in the actual paper. Basically, take the information provided in the response letter and putting it in the data analysis section of the paper, because it provides the needed detail about the data analysis process.

2) The authors indicated my request to provide information about health perceptions in Zambia was too general and consequently chose not to provide such information. I still believe providing a brief overview about perceptions of mental illness / mental health and use of mental health services in Zambita will provide readers with a better understanding of such issues in Zambia as well as provide a stronger rational for the current study. In addition, there will be people reading this article who have very little knowledge about mental health in Zambia, so providing such contextual information will have served to educate the reader.

**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.