Reviewer’s report

Title: Client perceptions of consent, confidentiality and counseling in provider-initiated and voluntary HIV counseling and testing services in Uganda

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. The research question is not clear from the beginning. The reader has to decipher this by him or herself. The writers could consider clarifying this, right from the abstract and the background to the study. Otherwise it becomes problematic determining what the study is all about especially when the paper seems to be reporting more on prevalence and adherence to consent and counseling protocols than it is about client perceptions.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. The results paper (especially the results and discussion) read more like the paper is about adherence to consent requirements, than it is about patients' perceptions of consent, confidentiality and counseling. Can the writing reflect more about patient perceptions than levels of prevalence and adherence to counseling and consent protocols.

2. There is a general issue re grammar. The way the results are written is confusing. This is just an issue of grammar which the writers can correct.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.