Author's response to reviews

Title: HIV/AIDS status disclosure increases support, behavioural change and, HIV prevention in the long term: A case for an Urban Clinic, Kampala, Uganda

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Dear Executive Editor,

MS: 2208593548389330 - HIV/AIDS status disclosure increases Public Health benefits (Support, behavioral change and HIV prevention) in the long term: A case for an Urban Clinic Kampala, Uganda

I would like to thank you for accepting this manuscript for publication in this prestigious Journal. We have now revised the manuscript and responded point-by-point to all the suggestions from the reviewer. Thank you once again!

Yours faithfully,

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Reviewer's report 1

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Reviewer: Soludo B Eze

General comment: I am very sorry for sending in my re-review late. I feel strongly persuaded that the authors have put in more energy and hard work in this paper. Several issues raised in the previous version of the manuscript have been addressed. I want to encourage them to do minor corrections and send it for publication. I do not think it should be referred back to me after effecting those corrections.

Response: Thank you for the kind comment. Yes, all the issues raised in the previous reviews were adequately responded to!

Minor Essential Revisions

Comment 1: See page 5 para 1 line 8 for language correction ……See it was the motivation
Response: Thank you for the observation. We have deleted “it was”.

Comment 2: Page 6 para 1 line 1 …… Fear abandonment, should be fear, abandonment or fear of abandonment
Response: We have added “of” and it now reads “fear of abandonment”

Comment 3: Page 7 para 1 line 1… less than, long term should have sign for greater than in bracket
Response: We now have included your suggestion “(> 3 months)”

Comment 4: Data analysis - Page 10 para 2 line 2 and 3 should be expunged …We particularly closely examined whether the study objective matched with the study population as well as if the questions flowed in a logical sequence.
Response: Thanks, we have now expunged the sentence as suggested

Comment 5: Ethical consideration - Page 10 line 2 - any time or to not answer specific …….. Reframe the sentence
Response: We have adjusted the sentence to “…or not to answer specific questions.”

Comment 6: Page 12 the first quote should be edited Results
Response: The quote has been edited and in part it now reads “Before disclosing, you first have to think a lot including the disclosure approach. … (Male respondent)”

Comment 7: Page 11 para 1 last line table1 should be Table 1 (Table here is a proper noun)
Response: Thank you, now the sentence reads “Table 1 below lists the range of short-term reactions to disclosure…”

Comment 8: Page 24 para 3 line 5 see language correction Influence of disclosure on recipients’ gender and type of responses received by PLHAs (my suggestion)
Response: We have not taken the suggestion as we failed to identify where to fit it