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General comment: This manuscript explores the long and short term outcomes of HIV positive status disclosure in a large HIV clinic in Kampala. The study revealed that HIV positive status disclosure is associated with favorable outcomes. Although few faced negative repercussion in the short term the long term benefits outweighs the short term negative consequences. The manuscript is well written, but can be improved by including studies conducted on gender and disclosure and clearly indicate the limitations of the study.

Title page: There is no title page in the current manuscript; this should be included as per the journal requirement.

Abstract: The authors should include results on disclosure to sexual partner which is one of the important outcome which leads to preventive behaviors.

Introduction: There are studies conducted on the role of gender on HIV status disclosure. These studies should be included to give more understanding of the association between gender and disclosure. Such an example could be Deribe K, Woldemichael K, Njau BJ, Yakob B, Biadgilign S, Amberbir A. Gender differences regarding barriers and motivators of HIV status disclosure among HIV-positive service users. SAHARA J. 2010 Jul;7(1):30-9.

Methods:

Results:

In the results section there are many quotes. The authors should synthesis the findings and then they could present one or two quotes per team. In the current form there are no syntheses and the authors are using some quotes to generalize the findings.

Discussion

The discussion is well written except major limitations such as

The major limitation of the study is recall bias the participants had spent 5 to 6 years since being diagnosed with HIV. Events happening 5-6 years ago particularly short term outcomes of disclosure tend to be forgotten. There will be
clearly telescopic bias participants remembering recent phenomenon.

**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