Reviewer’s report

Title: 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

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I have reviewed the response to my previous review and the revised manuscript. The authors addressed some of my concerns. However the work needs revision before publication. I have the following comments again.

1. The title of the manuscript “HIV/AIDS status disclosure increases Public Health benefits (Support, behavioral change and HIV prevention) in the long term” should be revised; I suggest the title should be changed to “HIV/AIDS status disclosure increases support, behavioral change and, HIV prevention in the long term: A case for an Urban Clinic Kampala, Uganda”

2. Abstract: the result is full of quantitative findings; it is not appropriate to focus on quantitative finding while using qualitative study design. The authors should highlight the major themes emerged from the study. If they want to make the comparisons they have to make some statistical analysis which is not applicable in the current study design. Therefore I would recommend them to highlight how HIV disclosure increases support, behavioral change and HIV prevention as stated in the title and remove the quantitative comparisons.

3. Result: I am still not convinced about the way they presented the result. For example on page 11 they have presented the following quotes, which are difficult to understand. Rather they have to present the whole quote and refer who quotes are they.

“The most common positive reaction was one of encouragement (27%), “my brother told me to be strong”, and “my sister advised me not to mind”. Other encouragement scenarios leaned towards adherence to HIV antiviral medication, “She comforted me, told me to be consistent with swallowing the medicine, not to throw it away,” and to live longer with a meaningful life, “You will still live and many people live in this situation”. The quote below further demonstrates this view.” The authors should put their analysis by paraphrasing the statements given here

For example this is the right way of presenting quotes

“When the counselor told me that I was infected, I got very angry. I went back home and told a friend about it. She comforted me and told me to remain strong and that I was not the first person to get infected. I also went and told my sister about it. She advised me to be strong and to seek treatment. That is when I
began coming to this clinic.” (Young Female respondent)

**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