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

**Introduction**
I feel that this paper addresses an import issue in the fight against HIV/AIDS which is disclosure. The importance of disclosure cannot be overemphasized. I commend the authors for delving into this area that appears to have been neglected. There is indeed, a very remarkable improvement on this manuscript from the previous versions.

However, there are few areas the authors need to beef up in order to strengthen the paper for publication

**Major compulsory revision**

**Abstract**
1. See Result, line 3 – Qualitative results show should be - The results show. Also at the end of line 3, see there was more trust, use of condom for HIV prevention. something is missing in that sentence
2. Still under Result, P.3 line 3, .... three in quarters were positive- do you mean three quarters? , also see line for language correction

**Background**
3. P.4 line 3, pls use either British (behaviour) or American (behavior ) spelling and not both. The use of both appeared in many sections in the paper

**Study Design**
4. P8 para 2 line 4, and 5 are not clear. The statement in line 5 ..... may not be trusted, any reference to that?

**Interview Protocol**
5. Para 2. We ensured reliability of our study instrument pretesting it and discussing the result thereafter- pls make the sentence more clearer and say
whom you discussed the results with

Discussion

6. Why is that most of the figures presented in the result section are repeated here in the discussion section? See p. 24, para 2 lines 6, 8, 9. P. 25, para 1 line 2, Para 2 lines 1, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14

Results

Discretionary Revisions

7. P.11 Para 2 last line. – must this business as usual be retained in the sentence?
8. P.12 para 1, line 4, and 5. The authors relapsed into discussion whereas this is supposed to be presentation of results. I suggest that line 4 and 5 should be moved to discussion section
9. Also P12 para 2, line 1 after the quote should be expunged- really sounds like discussion
10. P. 13 para 1, line target decided to get tested. – Who is the target, respondent? then should be addressed as respondent. Then line 6 and 7 also sound like discussion. This may have to be expunged
11. P. 15 para 1 line 3 and 4- thinking line 3 should be replaced with – with women receiving more encouragement responses compared with men.
12. Table two should be replaced with Table II or 2 – check the one approved by the Journal. See P. 15 para 1. Line 5 and line 9 where table should be corrected with Table
13. P.15 para 2 line 2 and 3 should be moved to discussion section
14. P. 16 para 1 line 1- gener should be corrected to gender while line 2, 3 and 4 sounded more like discussion., and then should be moved to discussion.
15. P.17 para 3, line 1 is not a complete sentence, so should be rephrased to make it clearer

Minor Essential Revisions

16. Para 2 line 4 and 5, .... two teams came together- do you mean two researchers from the team?
17. P 9 para 1 line 1 and 2. Person, another person, their HIV status; do the subject and the verb agree?
18. P. 5 para 2 line 2- something appears to be missing after society
19. P.6 line 2, something is missing after fear
20. P.26, para 1, line 2 – closely related development- check up
21. P4. Last para. Line 4, you may remove the statistics OR = 1.81, 95%; CI; 1.17-2.2.90
22. P.7 line 2, - I it is physically located – may have to expunge physically

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What next? Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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:**
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