Reviewer’s report

Title: A Single-Blind Randomized Controlled Trial to evaluate the effect of extended counseling on uptake of pre-Antiretroviral care in Eastern Uganda.

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Reviewer: Elizabeth Sweetman

Reviewer’s report:

Congratulations you have done an outstanding job with the conduct of this very worthwhile clinical trial. This manuscript reports everything required of a randomized controlled trial.

I have no major comments. The minor essential revisions below aim to improve the clarity of this paper for the readers.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Page 16, Paragraph 1, Sentence 2 – Please adjust the p value for pre-AVR awareness to be consistent with the p value (0.01) presented in table 1 (Page 33).

2. Page 18, Paragraph 1, Sentence 2 - HIV status disclosure is not documented in the methods of the manuscript as a secondary outcome. If you wish to make the statement that “the study also illustrates that extended counselling encourages HIV disclosure to members of the immediate family” in the first paragraph of the Discussion, please provide a p value in your Results. If your p value is significant you can retain this statement in your Discussion.

3. Page 19, Paragraph 1, Sentence 1 – In the sentence that ends with “affected by participant assignment bias (table 1), I suggest that you complete this sentence by modifying to “affected by participant allocation bias resulting from baseline imbalance”.

4. Page 19, Paragraph 3, Sentence 3 – The manuscript does not include Table 4. Please include this table in your next draft.

3. Page 31, Figure 2 - Please re-format figure 2 as information from this figure is missing when it is printed out.

All the very best with your submission process for this paper.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.