Reviewer's report

Title: The influence of interviewers on survey responses by female sex workers in Zambia

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Reviewer: Timothy Johnson

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This is a good paper. The Introduction sets up the research question well and provides what appears to be a comprehensive review of the literature. In addition to examining interviewer effects on respondent answers, it takes the unique additional step of also examining interviewer effects on substantive associations between measures, something I have not seen previously in this literature. Hence, this paper offers a valuable innovation that future researchers will need to consider in their own work.

Analyses were conducted in a responsible manner, with adjustments made for multiple comparisons. The findings are also reasonable, and helpful. Statistical tables are long, but provide sufficient data to understand the nature of the analyses being reported. One important omission is that it remains unclear exactly how the FSWs were recruited into the study, and if incentives were provided to them. This should be easy to address.

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