Reviewer’s report

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The study brings key elements that could influence decision-takers in regarding reaching male partner for HTC and all the benefits and eventually added values to PMTCT and couple support as well as reduction of risk of stigma.

The findings of this study also present the urgent necessity of using HBHTC to assist and reduce risks of HIV exposure to vulnerable women and families and facilitate mutual discloser.

Although the male partners in polygamous relationship participants represent low percentage, it would be more interesting to bring deeper discussion on their HTC preference, as I believe this would help design recommendation on a proper male partner HTC approach in Sub-Saharan African countries where polygamy is a reality.

It would have been helpful if it was brought to discussion the timeframe/how long the either male partner HTC model has been introduced. It would be possible that the most popular model/ or implemented for longer time model could be the most preferred by participants. Which among the three presented HTC models was the first to be introduced? How this could have been influenced the study findings? Does cultural believes interfere in HTC interference? It is unfortunate that this has not been discussed, if it were, it would be more interesting.