Reviewer's report

Title: The importance of registration of sexual orientation and recognition of indicator conditions for an adequate HIV risk-assessment

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The paper report the results of a survey conducted on newly diagnosed HIV-patients and their general practitioners aimed to explore factors which can promote HIV testing strategies among risk groups. The survey involved 111 HIV-positive subjects who were interviewed on consultations in primary care and other healthcare settings in the five years prior to diagnosis. The study showed that the knowledge and documentation of sexual orientation and ethnicity by General Practitioners could be important for adequate risk assessment and for more proactive provider-initiated HIV testing. There are some minor issues as well.

1 Methods section. Line 9. It would be better to specify the exact period of the survey study.

2 Methods section. Line 9. Was being ≥18 years old a recruitment criterion? Please, clarify.

3 Methods section. Page 2. "Level of urbanization was divided….deprived (+1.50 to highest)." Did you use quotation marks since the paragraph reported is taken from the cited papers? In the case, delete and use a sentence like "Level of urbanization and Socioeconomic status score were defined as previously described (reference 1,2)"

4 Table 1. What means the hashtag after Socioeconomic status? Is a footnote missing?
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