Reviewer's report

Title: Linkage to HIV care, postpartum depression, and HIV-related stigma in newly diagnosed pregnant women living with HIV in Kenya: A longitudinal observational study

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I have reviewed the above-mentioned manuscript. It is on an important topic and is timely. Responses to criteria are shown in italics below.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes it is well defined.
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes they are appropriate and well described.
3. Are the data sound? Yes the data are sound.
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes it does adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data.
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes they are.
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes they do.
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes they do.
9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes it is well written.

Overall, the manuscript is excellent and warrants being published without any corrections.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests