Reviewer's report

**Title:** Social Support Among HIV-Positive and HIV-Negative Adolescents in Umlazi, South Africa: Changes in Family and Partner Relationships During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period

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**Reviewer:** Anne Matthews

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Overall this is an interesting article. Some questions that need to be addressed are:

Participants:
why was it decided to have a sample of adolescents who were HIV positive and negative and in antenatal and post-natal period- was this too heterogenous a group in a qualitative study; maybe not but the thinking behind the sample was not explained.

Results- rename as 'Findings'
While the findings are interesting, the headings/themes/sections under which they are presented are under-developed- consider the content of each of these and describe the theme/section in a way that fits with your analytic methods.
provide some participant ID for quotes, to convey a range of participants' contributions.

Overall a valuable article with the above points to address,

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests.