Reviewer's report

Title: Common mental disorder in Nyanza province, Kenya- prevalence and associated risk factors in 2013 and an assessment of change since 2004, using a repeat household survey in a demographic surveillance site

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Reviewer: Mary W Kuria

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. The title is adequate without the statement- “including gender” . I suggest that the authors delete “including gender”

2. Abbreviations:

Some abbreviations require to be written in full when they first appear or add to the abbreviation glossary. Examples include

a) Ethics: KCL (line 219)

b) study procedures: PDA- line 145; ONS- line 187

3. The referencing style is not consistently uniform. Some references use commas while others use semicolon to separate the characters. There is lack of uniformity in referencing style Examples include references: reference 1, 3-5,13,14,17,19,20,22,26,29,53,57,61,6773,

4. Discussion: the striking difference in prevalence between the genders may not be explained by the 2007-2008 post election violence. The violence affected both males and females (though not to the same extent) and it would then be expected that the prevalence CMD of the men would have gone up to some extent not drastically reduced. The other proposed explanations are more appropriate.

5. topographical error: reference 60- correct the spelling of word 'eelection'

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

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'