Author’s response to reviews

Title: VIOLENCE AND DEPRESSION AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN IN TANZANIA

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Dear Editor,

Enclosed please find a revised manuscript entitled “Violence and Depression among Men who have sex with men in Tanzania” for your consideration for publication in BMC Psychiatry.

All reviewer’s comments were dealt with accordingly, bolded in black text. Hereunder are the specific responses to each of the reviewer’s comments

Reviewer 1

1) Background citations stated appropriately as IPV versus non-IPV

2) Moral abuse is having someone discriminating against or humiliating the participant

3) High level violence was characterized as 3 or more yes answer based on the four questions asked based on four types of violence
4) Depression text reorganized

5) Key populations changed to MSM sub population

Methodology

6) Study area clarified

7) Analysis section expanded

Results

8) Columns for experience of violence by perpetrators added in Table 2 and Table 3 odds ratios written correctly.

9) Discussion – comparative studies focused on non-IPV studies

10) Conclusion – strengthened

Reviewer 2

1) Abstract updated

2) Citations reformatted

3) Perpetrators of each kind of violence clarified
4) Final sentence of paragraph on page 7 omitted

5) Mild depression and other forms explained in the methodology section (page 6)

6) The community’s KAP study elaborated in the conclusion section