Reviewer's report

Title: Social cognitive determinants of HIV voluntary counseling and testing uptake among married individuals in Dar es Salaam Tanzania: Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB)

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Major revisions:

Methodology
1. Study design and procedure: (p7)
a) Were the study interviews validated in previous studies? It is not clear to me whether the team adopted different measurements outside of the TPB or used those within it. In practice, theories would have their own measurement scales, which will have been used in developing and validating it. Naturally, I thought these would be the measurements to use. It's not clear however, whether this is the case. If the measurements were used, then, this needs to come out clearly.
b) It would be important to understand if the translation of the questions to Kiswahili could have affected the meaning of the constructs- an explanation of how the translation was handled could help alleviate this anxiety. Otherwise this could be a limitation.

2. Study population and sampling procedure
a) Why were 200 couples selected? The authors need to explain why this number was selected;
b) The author explains what they did clearly, but what I find lacking is why they did it that way. Also the methodology does not seem exhaustive in some sections, e.g. Household were drawn randomly, but using which random method?

Minor essential revisions:

The authors need to review the whole manuscript to clean-up grammatical errors, fit in missing words as well as shorten some sentences.

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