Reviewer's report

Title: The HIV epidemic and sexual and reproductive health policy integration: Views of South African policymakers

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This is a very well written paper that examines key stakeholder perspectives on the integration of SRH and HIV service provision in South Africa. Most other studies have examined this integration from the perspective of clients and providers, but this study is among the few to include the focus on policymakers.

The analyses reveal a general sense that these various stakeholders view integration as favorable, but cite several challenges to accomplishing this integration, and draw from lessons learned regarding integration of HIV care with other service domains. The specific focus on safer conception support is also beneficial to the field, as there is a growing consensus to the value of such support, yet this has by and large failed to result in provision of such services—so hearing from stakeholders on this gap in care is needed to inform initiatives to close this gap.

The quotes providers are relatively cursory, but they generally cover a wide range of themes and the authors do a good job of synthesizing the themes.

I have no suggestions for revisions.

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

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I declare that I have no competing interests