Reviewer's report

Title: Competition is not necessarily a barrier to community mobilisation among sex workers: A mixed method intervention planning assessment from Zimbabwe

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Major Compulsory Revisions

None. As mentioned in my previous review, I believe that this is an interesting article for those working in community-based practice. I am pleased with how the authors have addressed all reviewers' comments in this revised version of the manuscript.

Minor Essential Revisions

1) Abstract, Background, Page 2, line 1: "community based" should be hyphenated to read "community-based"

2) Methods, Page 6, first paragraph: I would suggest a different structure to the first sentence. Perhaps, “This study included both a respondent driven sampling survey and in-depth qualitative interviews with….” The authors can then continue with the description of RDS.

3) Methods, Page 6, second paragraph: Instead of “In Summary”, I would say “Briefly”.

4) Methods, Page 7: add commas after Likert-scale responses

5) Results: Make sure all sub-headings are either capitalized or not for consistency.

6) Results, Site Characteristics, Page 8. The inclusion of this first paragraph is great and very helpful to the reader, however, should be moved to the Methods section.

7) Results, Page 8, second paragraph: Include ranges.

8) Results, Page 10-onwards: Would suggest periods instead of colons before the quotes.

9) Results, Page 10: The second quote does not need to be in quotation marks

10) Discussion, Page 14, line 2: “in depth” should be hyphenated to read “in-depth”

11) Discussion, Page 15, line 1: Add the word “to” after the word "effort" to read
“effort to overcome”

12) Conclusion, Page 16: No need for colon after heading.

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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.