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Dear Editor,

RE BHSR-D-16-00966R2

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Thank you for correcting and providing comments on our paper. We have accepted all your suggestions and adjusted our paper accordingly. Below you will find our specific responses to your comments.

Yours sincerely,

Choolwe Muzyamba

(On behalf of Prof. Wim Groot, Dr. Milena Pavlova, Dr. Sonila Tomini)
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Reviewer reports:

Basile Keoung (Reviewer 2): Dear Authors,

Thank you for revising the manuscript. I do recognize that the quality of the Manuscript has significantly improved.

I have just few minor revisions that are listed below.

Best regards

Data collection method

I propose to rephrase the paragraph as follow:

Data collection consisted of three FGDs all involving 37 HIV positive women who had experienced one or more of the components of community mobilization. The first FGD focused on peer support and had 13 participants, the second one on utilization of indigenous resources had also 13 participants, and the last one on community involvement had 11 participants.

- We have adjusted the data collection section as you have suggested

Analysis

I suggest this:

… after which, we used the software NVIvo 10 QSR International® to conduct thematic analysis.

-We have adjusted this sentence as you have suggested

Conclusion

Replace clichés by stigma

-We have replaced it as you have suggested