Reviewer’s report

Title: MANAGEMENT OF SEXUAL PARTNERS OF PREGNANT WOMEN WITH SYPHILIS IN NORTHEASTERN BRAZIL - A QUALITATIVE STUDY

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Reviewer: Salla Atkins

Reviewer's report:

Dear authors,

Thank you for the opportunity to review your revised article. The article deals with an important issue, the contacting and recruiting of women's sexual partners into syphilis care from antenatal clinics.

I find the manuscript relevant and important, but hope you can address the following comments:

1) Consider rephrasing "partner management". It took me several pages of reading before I understood what managing sexual partners meant. There must be another term for this, alternately please explain the term early.

2) The results are improved, but an overuse of quotations remains. One or two quotes are sufficient to describe an issue.

3) The discussion is too long. In addition to length, at the moment the discussion has several paragraphs without reference to other publications, and also presents new findings. I suggest that you revise your discussion summarising your main findings first, after which relating the findings to international literature.
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