Reviewer’s report

Title: HIV prevalence, risky behaviors, and discrimination experiences among transgender women in Cambodia: Descriptive findings from a national integrated biological and behavioral survey

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This is a well-written manuscript that presents interesting findings about transgender women in Cambodia. The manuscript would benefit from some minor revisions.

Methods

Following standard RDS protocol, were any incentives provided to participants to recruit their network contacts? What were those incentives? How was recruitment tracked?

During statistical analysis, were RDS weights applied to the data?

Results

Please provide context and explanation for the fact that 57.2% of participants identified as "third gender". What does third gender mean exactly? Could you provide some context for the reader?

Among those who did not dress up as a woman all of the time, did they still identify themselves as a woman or did they identify themselves as "third gender"?

Please explain why some respondents had NOT had sexual intercourse with a man. Earlier in the manuscript you report that having sex with at least one man in the past 12 months was an eligibility criterion.

How many participants learned of their HIV status from the study? In other words, the participants self-reported not having HIV but then tested positive?

Discussion

Please discuss how your results are similar/different from the study conducted by Weissman et al (2016).
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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