Reviewer's report

Title: An assessment of stigma and human right violations among Men who have sex with Men in Abuja, Nigeria

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This is a solid study showing the negative public health effects of government and cultural oppression of gay and bisexual men in Nigeria. Understanding the health effects of anti-gay persecution is important in general and in order to combat the HIV epidemic. At different points the authors refer to the sample as 18-45 year old MSM and then as 18-65 year old MSM. They should clarify this discrepancy. The finding on page 6 that only 28% had disclosed their sexual identity to a health care worker is not surprising but a major public health concern. I think the authors could use more exact language here. The inclusion criteria included that they are MSM. MSM is a behavior. This is a component of sexual orientation, as is identity. But Table 2 says "disclosure of sexual orientation to health worker." In the text narrative the authors should use this language as well, not "disclosure of sexual identity." These are my only comments. Otherwise the paper should be accepted with minor revisions and published.

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