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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The authors report on investigation of MSM in Abuja, Nigeria. Discussions or stigma and basic human rights violates are relevant to public health practice. The topic is important given continuing needs for practice to be culturally and contextually appropriate for these populations. As such, the findings have the potential to make a contribution to the literature and inform practice/research. The background and justification for the approach is thoroughly discussed and engrained within the academic literature. There are minor revisions that are required:

1. The authors may wish to frame the intro and discussion within the context of cultural lag. This would be the notion that culture takes time to catch up with new innovations (e.g., policy), and that social problems and conflicts are caused by this lag. In addition, the authors appropriately discuss the proximal and distal barriers facing sexual minority men in Nigeria. Framing this as structural stigma, embedded across ecological levels would be beneficial.

2. The discussion section would be enhanced by including an implications section. Specifically, how could these findings be utilized to enhance public health programming or public health policy serving this population of interest. Are there existing interventions that could be tailored to reflect these findings?

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