Reviewer’s report

Title: Child marriage among boys in high-prevalence countries: an analysis of sexual and reproductive health outcomes

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It's an interesting and well written paper bringing new knowledge to the field. I have only a few recommendations and comments.

You should reconsider the use of the term 'groom', which designates a man who is about to be married or has recently been married. It does not make sense to say "child grooms currently aged 20-29" (abstract). It may be replaced with 'men married as children' or 'early married men'. (The word 'bride' is often incorrectly used the same way as groom in this case.)

Under outcome indicators (page 4-5) I would like to know why you have not looked at HIV prevalence. The DHS Program has conducted population-based HIV testing of women and men since 2001.

In the discussion or the conclusion you may elaborate more on possible research questions. It would also be good to investigate divorce rates among early married men vs men married as adults, and number of marriages/wives. Other issues to explore and compare are mental health indicators, alcohol/drug use, etc.
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