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Dear Editor

We were asked to make the following revisions before our paper could be sent out for peer review:

1. Please provide ethics documentation that shows the ethics review board approved the use of in loco parentis consent, provided by UYDEL. Please do not upload this documentation with your manuscript; please instead email this to the editorial office.

I sent the ethics boards approval letters for the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) and the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST). I received confirmation on the 26th March 2019 from Ms Natividad that she has forwarded the proofs of these documents to the Senior Editor.

2. Use of terms

Please use formal rather than informal terms in the text. For example, we believe the term ‘sugar daddy’ should be replaced or justified in this context.
In my message of the 22nd March 2019 I provided the following justification for our use of terminology: As per the references that we include in our manuscript, this term is well-established in the context and describes a very particular relationship between older men and adolescent girls and young women in which sex is exchanged for access to resources. This paper also reports on emic conceptualisations so we believe it is important to reflect participants' emic understandings and descriptions of these relationships rather than impose etic terminology on the relationships that they describe.

These are the only changes that we were requested to make

Best regards

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