Reviewer's report

Title: Understanding Resilience of Female Adolescents towards Teenage Pregnancy: A Crosssectional Survey in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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This article provides an important lens from which to explore the issue of teenage pregnancy and reproductive resilience. Contrary to the typical problematic/negative vantage point that is applied, the authors make a strong case for research and programming priorities using a strength-based approach (including highlighting the potential of pregnancy as a protective factor).

The language is in line with that of positive youth development/developmental assets for adolescents, which are both growing areas with promise for ASRH and the authors could make more connections there while discussing capacities and capital.

Other strong points include the article's balance of simple language with strong data, which makes it easy to follow but technically robust. The authors' involvement of youth involvement in data collection and their recognition of the benefit of qualitative data and mixed-methods approaches in this kind of work also enrich the paper.

To further strengthen the paper, I recommend the following minor edits, if possible:

1. Clarify/provide more detail as to why 50% was chosen as the cutoff for the competence score

2. Provide detail on the development of the score e.g. was reliability testing done etc.

3. Line 394 "young mother" should read young mothers
Finally, for future research, the authors may want to consider realist evaluation as an interesting way to get at the question of "who benefits from which interventions and who falls through the cracks" (lines 412-413).

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