Reviewer’s report

Title: Parents' and teachers' views on sexual health education and screening for sexually transmitted infections among in-school adolescent girls in Kenya: A qualitative study

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My most basic concern is that there needs to be an explicit statement that this project will not just screen for STIs but also treat the STIs detected. It is stated, "Because parents were particularly concerned about the need to treat any STIs detected, offering reassurance that treatment will be provided by the research team may be a useful strategy to gain parents' support and confidence." Having served on the NIAID IRB, I believe any IRB would find it unethical to offer a project of screening without treatment. In your response to reviewers, you state that additional research on the prevalence of STIs, as well as costs and budget of screening strategies, are needed to informed recommendations about providing services and this sentence belongs somewhere in the article.

In your response to review comments, there is an error: While we know that STIs are correlated with increased risk of acquiring and transmitting HIV, treating STIs has not successfully impacted HIV outcomes. So your statement, "These data highlight the importance of STI screening among adolescent girls to prevent the spread of infections and related complications" is inaccurate and should read"These data highlight the importance of STI screening among adolescent girls to keep girls healthy." As Mike Cohen noted in his article, we still need to know in terms of STIs the right dose at the right time for which STI. (Cohen, M. and J. Eron. 2011. "Aciclovir Treatment for HIV-1: Is the 'Juice Worth the Squeeze?'" Sexually Transmitted Diseases 38 (5): 410-412.)

If this article notes that any STI screening must be accompanied by treatment, this article can be a useful contribution to the needed literature on adolescent girls and STIs. All my other concerns as a reviewer were answered.

This article could use additional proof reading for better reading.

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