Reviewer’s report

Title: Echoes of old HIV paradigms: Reassessing the problem of engaging men in HIV testing and care through women’s perspectives

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This article is well-written and timely. For the literature review, there is a great deal of literature on traditional gender norms/roles and HIV testing/access to ART and tendency to access healthcare in general. It is important to acknowledge/note this body of research in the context of men's uptake of HIV testing/ART. I suggest including this in the background. The following are some references that might be helpful:


It would also be helpful to have more insight on traditional gender roles in Malawi and Zimbabwe to contextualize the findings. There is a wealth of literature on this.

Finally there is a growing body of literature of intervention focused on addressing harmful gender norms that affect men's access to healthcare, including HIV treatment and ART. It would be helpful to mention this in the conclusion in relation to this study.

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