**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Perceptions and intervention preferences of Moroccan adolescents, parents, and teachers regarding risks and protective factors for risky sexual behaviors leading to sexually transmitted infections in adolescents: Qualitative findings

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**Reviewer:** Fariyal Fikree

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Dear Editor,

I commend the authors on their substantive revisions to the manuscript. The manuscript has substantially improved. The authors have responded to my comments. However, I have a few comments that will substantially benefit the quality of the manuscript. These include:

1. Page 7, Lines 146-15: Please provide further elaboration on the sampling process and include the Braun and Clarke, 2013 reference in the manuscript. Please include whether the authors considered the study as a 'small/medium/large' project with "x" number of focus groups and "x" number of participants per category culminating to a grand total of "x" participants (per category and overall). It will be helpful if Table 1 (see attached Tables 1 with suggestions for reformatting) also includes the total number of participants for each group (Students, Teachers, Parents)

2. Page 7, Lines 156-157: Please provide additional information regarding "Sampling continued .... sources of data". Sampling reflects number of focus groups per category - as these varied per category, will be helpful if the authors include relevant text to describe the author's underlying rationale

3. Page 8, Lines 166-168. The sentence "Data were then collection .... among participants" is confusing. Please revise; else suggest delete.

4. Tables: The tables provide excellent information. However, suggest that for clarity purposes tables 1 - 3 will benefit from formatting revisions suggested below:

   Table 1: Please see attached document (Tables 1-3)

   Table 2: Please insert formatting (such as single or double lines) that enables easier reading of the focus group guideline questions across the three focus group categories (adolescents, parents, teachers).
Table 3: Please see attached document (Tables 1-3)

5. The manuscript will benefit from copy-editing. There are several places in the text that the sentence is not clear, or is grammatically incorrect.

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