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: Charles Opiyo

Reviewer's report:

Comment 1: Background- The background has been addressed and a number of studies cited. The explanation on socio-ecological model is clear

Comment 2: Methods- The methodology well-articulated and the number of FGDs provided

Comment 4: title- The title has been addressed accordingly and makes meaning

Comment 5- previous study- This has been addressed as per the comment and additional studies provided

Comment 6:introduction- well articulated

Comment 7: the justification in the knowledge gap- addressed accordingly

Comment 9: KII- The answer provided is not adequate and scientific - there seems to be a lot of assumption here. on FGDs This is partly convincing but not entirely. However conservative the context could be there bound to be extreme variations in level of understanding and experience

Comment 10: Selection of participants- This is explained. However it is not yet clear if majority of adolescents in high school are 16 years and below. what about those past 16 yeas?

Comment11:- well explained

Comment 12- well explained and clarified

Comment 14: well clarified

Comment 15- addressed

Comment 16- This is now clear in the response section , however in the actual document, a lot of the above information have left out

Comment 17- This is explained
Comment 18: addressed
Comment 19: addressed
Comment 20: Addressed
Comment 21: Addressed
Comment 22: Addressed
Comment 23: Addressed
Comment 24: Addressd
Comment 25: Addressed
Comment 26: This is explained, however not satisfactory. I believe KII can be administered in any context provided the interviewer creates a rapport and has skills to do the same.
Comment 27: Addressed
Comment 28: Conclusions well explained and though not explicit on risk factors. The protective factors are explicit.
Comment 29: Addressed
Comment 30: The recommendations need to begin with 'based on the study findings and conclusions…'
Comment 31: addressed

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