**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:** Elsie Akwara

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This is a much improved version of the article

There are minor revisions that would warrant your attention;

It is stated that the focus is on 10-19 year olds in the background, yet data collected was for adolescents 14-16 years, please elaborate.

For the abstract, rephrase "three datasets" to "three sets of data"

Page 2, line 27-28: under the sentence "…exploring suggestions of adolescents and others" please be more specific on "others", perhaps you can state and rephrase to "exploring perceptions of adolescents, parents and teachers"

Page 4, line 90-92, Under introduction section: There is a lot of discussion on HIV, but STI goes beyond HIV, however, it is mentioned that Moroccan adolescents have low awareness of STI, can you provide data for this? i.e. what are the proportions?

Page 5, line 93: It is stated that "adolescents tend to have lower rates of morbidity and mortality" This is not true, please provide statistics on which particular health area this may be the case with reference.

When referring to FDGs conducted for parents, it is stated "5 girls and 21 men" would you please revise this to reflect that they are females and not girls. This is on pages 7 (line 153-157) and page 9 (line 162).

Page 9, line 202: Rephrase "saved in a private place where only the principal author had access…." To "secured where only the principal investigator had access"

Page 10, lines 223-231 under Data Analysis, there is a shift in sentence construction between present and past tense. Since this study was done in 2016, I would suggest you use past tense.
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