Reviewer’s report

Title: Adaptation of POCT for Pharmacies to Reduce risk and Optimize Access to Care in HIV, the APPROACH study: examining acceptability and feasibility

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Reviewer: Alice Tseng

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This is a well-written manuscript describing an important and innovative pharmacy practice concept, namely the offering of point-of-care HIV testing in community pharmacies in Canada.

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