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**PART 1: Comments**

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|  | **Reviewer’s comment**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer** | | | **review.** |  | | **Author’s Feedback** *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | **The study showed the importance of gender-based barriers in partner notification among HIV-positive clients in Imo State Nigeria. Complete comprehension of the barriers is very crucial for developing targeted interventions that will improve uptake of partner notification, improve HIV case detection and reduce transmission rates. The study will contribute to the body of knowledge on gender disparities in HIV care, therefore emphasizing policies and programs that are gender sensitive. Furthermore, the findings provide information for public health practitioners, policymakers and researchers working towards achieving the UNAIDS 95-95-95 goals by addressing social and structural barriers to HIV prevention and treatment.** | Thanks |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | **The title is wordy and should be rephrased. Author should consider the title below: Gender-Based Barriers to Partner Notification Among HIV-Positive Clients in Imo State, Nigeria.** | Changed as suggested  **Gender-Based Barriers to Partner Notification Among HIV-Positive Clients in Imo State, Nigeria.** |
| **Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.** | **Yes. But the researcher should state the primary objective clearly. Additionally, the sample size used should be stated in the methodology.** | Effected |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | Yes. The manuscript is scientifically correct in terms of methodology, data analysis and interpretation of the result. However, the study states that 384 participants were needed but 516 were included. Kindly explain the reason for this disparity. | This is good. The essence of sample size is that you cannot study participants less than that but any number equal to or greater than that. This is why it is called minimum sample size. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | References are sufficient but there are outdated references. Authors should update any references that are older than 10 years old with latest citation e.g. use UNAIDS 2023 report on the Global AIDS Response instead of UNAIDS 2016.    Additionally, the UNAIDS 90-90-90 the author used in the introduction should be updated to 95-95-95. That is the latest target for UNAIDS | Effected |
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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in detail)* | Yes. All ethical issues were captured or addressed in ethics section of Methods section |