

Reviewer's report

Title: Training Needs Assessment for Clinicians at Antiretroviral Therapy Clinics: Evidence from an National Survey in Uganda

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Major comments

Important well designed study with interesting results

I have mainly minor comments

Would be interesting for the reader to be able to see the data collection tools that were used on web

A website www.nec.org is mentioned but it was not clear to me how to find these tools

The text needs some editorial improvements. A few examples:

Background

..The AIDS Support Organization (TASO)and Uganda Cares. The organizations trained a variety.. Should be: These organizations...

This assessment contributes a method for measuring task shifting.. This sentence is not clear to me

Discussion: ...they will even out over time as HIV patients transfer their care to accredited facilities closer to their homes...not clear to me

This is the first article document task shifting and training needs.. Should be documenting?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I know most of the authors of the paper and published a paper with Keith P.W.J. McAdam, Lydia Mpanga Sebuyira and Merle Sande