

Reviewer's report

Title: Translating global recommendations on HIV and infant feeding to the local context: The development of culturally sensitive counselling tools in the Kilimanjaro Region, Tanzania

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Reviewer: Simon Lewin

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Thank you for the opportunity to review the revisions to this manuscript. I am satisfied that most of my original criticisms have now been addressed and commend the authors on this well written paper.

There is just one issue that I wish to raise: in the original manuscript, the authors noted that a brochure on the expression and heat treatment of breastmilk had been designed. In my comments, I suggested that the inclusion of this option seemed to run contrary to the underlying client-centred philosophy of the intervention. In their response, the authors agree with this (point 21) and noted that the description of this brochure had been removed from the manuscript. I am a little concerned about this response because its consequence is to make this particular aspect of the project "disappear", even though this brochure was presumably developed (and used?) in the field. I think it would be more appropriate to retain a brief description of this component and discuss any problems related to it.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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