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| Type of the Article      | <b>Original Research Article</b>                                                                                                   |

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                     | Reviewer's comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <p>Lines 42-44, sentence beginning with "The result" is somewhat unclear since the research is already within a refugee setting. It is unclear if there are actual high resource and "low resource" settings within a refugee settlement, as that was not explained.</p> <p>Lines 56-60 – information seem to be conflicting. At one point the authors are indicating that the poor might have higher fertility just because they want more children, then later on it seems like the poor wishes they had family planning to avoid unwanted pregnancies. This needs to be revisited.</p> <p>There is insufficient information on the survey tool or questionnaire used for this study, which weakens the methodology. The procedures for data collection could be better explained. Not much is said about the demographics that were considered until the results section as shown in the tables. There were several shown in table 1 that were not mentioned within the methodology.</p> <p><b>A couple hypotheses</b> or research questions will help to strengthen the research in general and the methods in particular.</p> <p>I am aware that policies are different in different countries, but it was unclear if minors (15 -17 years old) had a refugee settlement director or manager</p> | <p>Dear reviewer, please manuscript has been revised with a lot of modifications taking into consideration the comments of other reviewers. Manuscript is now titled, ' Knowledge, attitude and practice of contraception among refugees in a refugee settlement in Yaoundé, Cameroon'. That notwithstanding, your comments are pertinent and have been addressed accordingly. Line 42-44. Edited. See lines 44-46<br/>Lines 56-60. Edited. See Lines 52-55</p> <p>Method section has been revised with more information on questionnaire, procedure for data collection and the demographics that were considered.</p> <p>A couple hypotheses might not be adapted to this study design. ( KAP study). The initial title did not tie with the content of the manuscript.</p> |



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|  | <p><b>sign the consent forms on their behalf or if they signed on their own behalf. This needs clarification</b></p> <p><b>If the questionnaire was pilot tested, where and among whom was it tested?</b></p> <p><b>The data analysis section is also weak and missing pertinent information as to the statistical tests that were conducted to produce the results</b></p> <p><b>Line 207 – this sentence needs to be revised. Beginning the sentence with “It also revealed the low use” is extremely difficult to follow.</b></p> <p><b>Line 266 – I do not think “exploited” is the best word to use, as refugees may already feel exploited. The authors should think of replacing this word.</b></p> | <p>Assent was obtained for participants less than 21 years. This was signed by a representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees ( lines 115-116)</p> <p>Explained: lines 119-122</p> <p>Modified: Lines 128-130</p> <p>Modified lines 226-227</p> <p>Line 226 Deleted in initial manuscript</p> |
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| <p><b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments</p>   | <p>Some general editing needed throughout the paper. The active voice can be used more in some areas rather than the passive voice.</p> <p>Lines 50-51 – consider changing or revising the sentence beginning with “However, emphasis has not been laid on..” The authors can find one word for “not been laid on”</p> <p>Line 160 - the wording “used condoms at last intercourse with a male predominance” was difficult to understand. I am not sure what was being said.</p> <p>Lines 201-202 – the authors should clarify if the STI information was self-reported or if participants were tested for STI</p> <p>No major ethical issues detected. However, there was a concern of who might of signed the consent for minors, or who might have given them permission. If this is not an issue relative to refugees, then I am okay.</p> | <p>Line 50-51 modified. Lines 50-51</p> <p>Line 160: modified for clarity</p> <p>Line 201: Information on STI was self- reported. Modified</p> <p>-Assent was obtained for those less than 21(Legal age of participants for consent for research purposes is 21 and above)</p> |
| <p><b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments</p> | <p>Line 70 – To make a statement that “no studies have been conducted” one has to make sure this is a fact, and this should be revisited. Is it possible that they found no such studies, but that one could have been conduction? A matter of caution.</p> <p>The limitations were included, but it would have been helpful to find a strength of the study.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Modified: Sentence now reads: <b>No</b> published studies..... Line 65</p> <p>Taken into consideration: lines 268-270</p>                                                                                                                                                   |