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PART 1: Comments

	<p>Reviewer's comment: Given below points may please be considered for incorporation suitably to give more strength to the findings and MS may be modified as per journal specification.</p> <p>Introduction part High risk of PLHIV on ART to become T2DM and to develop metabolic disorders is well investigated. A regular monitoring and health care is an essential requirement in such cases where, patients are at high risk. PDM approach may be a better option in treating patients of this kind looking at the current burden of expenditure on health issues (De, 2005;Ledergerber <i>et al.</i>, 2007;Gb,2014)</p> <p>Discussion part The study demonstrates the catalytic role of PDM, considering the cross sectional participants and 95.4% recommending the interventions to other clients. The PDM approach received an acceptance level of 95.5% possibly indicating behavior change happening among stigmatized participants to accept health updates on DM. The study confirms the advantage of PDM as promising approach which can accelerate behavioral change to overcome stigma (Lapping <i>et al.</i>, 2002). Diabetes mellitus (DM) a common cause of death among PLHIV in Uganda needs an effective treatment model and PDM approach may act as sustainable alternative (Fortunate <i>et al.</i>,2023).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> De S. Metabolic complications of <i>antiretroviral</i> therapy. <i>Top Hiv Med.</i> 2005;13(2):70–74. Gb K, Mt M, Es N, Gd K, Ak K, Am K, et al. Magnitude and risk factors of non-communicable diseases among people living with Hiv in Tanzania: a cross sectional study from Mbeya and Dar Es Salaam regions. <i>BMC Public Health.</i> 2014;14:904. doi: 10.1186/1471-2458-14-904. TI S, Sk G. Body composition and metabolic changes in Hiv-infected patients. <i>J Infect Dis.</i> 2012;205(Suppl 3):S383–S390. doi: 10.1093/infdis/jis205. Karin Lapping, David R Marsh, Julia Rosenbaum, Eric Swedberg, Jerry Sternin, Monique Sternin, Dirk G SchroederThe positive deviance approach: challenges and opportunities for the future. <i>Food Nutr Bull,</i> 2002 Dec;23(4 Suppl):130-7. Fortunate Ambangira, James E Sharman, Martin Muddu, Isaac Derick Kimera <i>et al.</i>, 2023.Diabetes mellitus care cascade among a cohort of persons living with HIV and hypertension in Uganda: A retrospective cohort study. <i>Int J STD AIDS.</i>34(10):728-734. 	<p>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)</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>The study is on an important aspect looking at the complications of HIV and DM. The study clearly demonstrated the acceptance of approach among cross sectional participants. The study becomes unique, though PDM approach was made in other areas of health interest. The findings form a basis for future intervention in similar situations of culturally different societies.The study also, had a cultural acceptability which has more bearing on the outcomes.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>Acceptability of Positive Deviance Mentorship among exposed HIV clients living with diabetes in Eastern Uganda - A cross-sectional study Title is apt to the study</p>	

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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.	The abstract is complete	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.	The study is carried out very scientifically and is reflected in MS	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	A mention of HIV-DM complications might add to the importance of the project.	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Yes, the observations were placed in a good phrasing, communicating actual finding	
Optional/General comments	The study is a sincere effort by the group as reflected by the findings. Congratulate the team for doing laborious job successfully. <i>Authors may incorporate the suggestions suitably in the MS to give clarity on the objective and findings of the study</i>	

PART 2:

	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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