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Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_127379
Title of the Manuscript:	DETERMINANTS OF UPTAKE OF HIV/AIDS VOLUNTARY COUNSELLING AND TESTING SERVICES AMONG THE HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN MERU TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITAL, MERU COUNTY KENYA
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The topic is important because healthcare workers are at a higher risk of HIV exposure due to their profession, yet many may face stigma, fear, or other barriers to seeking Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) services. Understanding the determinants of VCT uptake can help in targeted interventions to promote early diagnosis, reduce occupational risk, and ensure the health and safety of healthcare workers, ultimately improving patient care and public health outcomes.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes	
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 comprehensive and there is no need for any addition.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Yes	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript is valuable as it highlights the importance of voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) services for healthcare workers, who are essential to patient care. It identifies the key factors that influence whether healthcare workers use these services and stresses the need for policies that ensure VCT services are readily available and easily accessible. Such efforts can encourage more healthcare workers to get tested, promoting their well-being and enhancing the overall quality of care they provide.	
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