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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)*
Compulsory REVISION comments	**This is an interesting paper presenting data on barriers to linkage in HIV care. It is well written and has important public health implications. I have no major revisions to suggest**	
Minor REVISION comments	Several minor revisions would strengthen this paper: 1) The study does not need to be presented as 3 stages but rather as two stages. Most studies have a data analysis period and this is not considered an additional study stage. Suggest that the data analysis not be called "stage 3." 2) In section 3.2, line 138-139, the authors mention there were 4801 tests done. How many were positive? It would be helpful to have this information in the paper. 3) For understandable reasons, a significant proportion of the 567 patients were not able to be traced in the analysis. The authors should mention this in the limitations of the paper. 4) In the methodology section, the authors describe well what they did in the different stages of the study. They may want to consider using some of the standard terminology employeed in many studies, such as key informant interviewing, resource mapping, and a convenience snowball sample. However, since they describe their methods well, the use of these terms could	

	be optional.	
Optional/General comments	This is a great paper that adds to the scientific body of literature on the topic and has important public health implications. The journal should publish it with minor revisions as noted above.	

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