Review of: "Square peg in a round hole: Migration and romantic relationship troubles in the UK Zimbabwean diaspora"

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Thank you for allowing me to review your work. Below, I provide some insights that could help strengthen the manuscript.

Introduction:

- The authors may want to expand on what these authors have studied: Borraz, Pozoy & Rossi, 2008; McGregor, 2007; Bloch, 2008; McGregor, 2008; Pasura, 2010) and (Glick, 2010, Akyeampong, 2000; Phillips & Sweeney, 2006; Koser, 2003; Zeleza, 2005). It does not have to be a long description.
- The authors state “there has been remarkably little interest on the impact of migration and enculturation on Zimbabwean diaspora romantic relationships”; however, they later state “Several studies have reported that international migration can aggravate the chances of tensions in intimate relations”. Is this a contradiction? Perhaps mentioning that these studies are not on Zimbabwean populations? More clarity is needed.
- Perhaps move this to methods section? To explore these research aims, Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA) will be used to examine the qualitative data retrieved from interviews from 30 Zimbabwean participants.

Methods

- The authors may want to say a little more about the research team members and interviewer (positionality).
- How were the interview packs delivered?
- Who conducted the data analysis? Was any software used?
- In what language were the interviews analyzed? Why?
- What rigor strategies were used?
- How did the authors build trust and rapport?
- How was informed consent obtained?

Findings

- The authors may want to provide sociodemographic data of participants.
- The lack of details about Respondents (age, gender, etc.) make it hard to understand the findings.
- Could it be that Themes 2 & 3 are linked to the patriarchal nature of the societies that respondents are coming from?
- How do women resist and challenge gender norms? It was not clear from the quotes used in Theme 3.
Conclusion

- It is unclear how many couples were separated and how many were divorced, and what led to that decision.
- I believe that the findings need further analysis and organization to be able to assess the conclusion and implication sections better.