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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - page 3 - the design of the study doesn't allow to evaluate the determinants of depression - the study evaluated indicators of depression and no depressive disorders - the self-assessment scales don't allow to make a diagnosis - Why and how the authors excluded the subjects with depression+clinical conditions? - Use of BDI scale - there is a problem, because de authors use a cut-off point established in another reality. The instrumento was validated in this context? The authors opted to use the cut-off 10 (mild depression). I think that the point >18 is more appropriated - what cut-off the studies cited in discussion use? this is much important for the interpretation of the data 	<p>In view of this, the title of the study is adjusted to read “clinico-Demographic indicators of depression among infertile women in a tertiary health institution in Awka, Southeast Nigeria”. Page 4.</p> <p>It is well documented that patients with chronic medical disorders associated with depression will invariably affect the results. Page 3.</p> <p>For this study, the authors felt that cut-off 10 is appropriate since range 0-9 in BDI indicates normal. Page 4.</p>
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - avoid repeating information in the text and in the table -clarify what is "verbal abuse" 	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Verbal abuse refers to the use of expressions that are emotionally traumatizing especially in direct reference to the patient's state of infertility. Page 4, last paragraph.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- see page 5 line 15 - this information is different in table 2- % Age in table 2 (depressed group) - there is a mistake	Total of abused participants were 49(51%) while those not abused were 47(49%). This was a typographical error. Page 5, last paragraph.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		