



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	British Microbiology Research Journal
Manuscript Number:	2013_BMRJ_3708
Title of the Manuscript:	Detection of Mycobacterium tuberculosis Complex in Lung Specimen of Slaughtered Cattle and Goats By a DNA Based multiplex- Polymerase Chain Reaction and Ziehl-Neelsen Methods In Jos, Nigeria.

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
I am still considering that the data and results are not sufficient to be presented as a research paper format. Although authors prefer the present format the final decision should be made by the editor. Since only lungs were collected, in my opinion, a real sub-estimation of the real prevalence can occur. Only lungs were collected due to commercial issues but it still being a limitation of the study. It should be included in the discussion. Inclusion of 95% confidence interval for the percentages could increase the accuracy of data. Grammar should be revised. Tuberculosis appears as TB, Tb and tuberculosis throughout goat the manuscript. As I mentioned in the first review, in my opinion, the type of the present study and findings reported are no sufficient to conclude that cattle is more <u>susceptible</u> to TB than goats and it should be removed from the conclusions section. Only descriptive data regarding a higher detection of TB in cattle could be included as conclusion.	--We do not agree with your statement sir. The results obtained in this research, is all the data shown. We cannot manufacture data out side what we got. Please, the authors have put in so much into this study, knowing how difficult it is to do research in a third world country like ours, we do not want you to look down on our manuscript at this stage. This research, is still ongoing, and we wish to send our subsequent manuscript to your well read journal. We do not want the reviewer to discourage us because of our data. In sincerity, we have sent all the data for this work. Kindly, publish it as a research paper, which it is. Thanks. - We have harmonised the word and abbreviation TB, through out the text In our conclusion, we have replaced susceptibility with, " more infected"(line 436-437)