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To: Managing Editor

Subject: Re: Request for final decision for manuscript number 2013_BMRJ_7129

The manuscript number 2013_BMRJ_7129 entitled "STRAINS OF NEWCASTLE DISEASE VIRUS INVOLVED IN OUTBREAKS OF THE DISEASE IN NSUKKA, NIGERIA" describe the findings about the circulating NDV strains during NDV outbreaks of poultry in Nigeria. As rightly mentioned by one of the reviewer, the assumption on which authors have based their conclusion is wrong. Authors first need to confirm that the birds did not die because of any other agent or disease but NDV. To support their views and conclusions the authors need to generate sufficient data using molecular methods like sequencing and phylogenetic characterization of the viral strains. For this virus strains can be analyzed directly or can propagated in various cell culture systems like rabbit, calf, chicken, monkey kidney cells, chicken embryo fibroblast (CEF), chicken embryo kidney (CEK), baby hamster kidney (BHK-21) cells etc or in embryonated chicken eggs which is a superior method since infectious stocks of all strains of NDV can be obtained and characterized by molecular methods. The valuable comments of one of the reviewer to inoculate healthy birds with the isolated viruses and demonstrate if the viruses cause similar disease will further improve the quality of the work and support the findings. The manuscript is poorly written with lots of grammatical and spelling errors. The subject is interesting and of great economic importance to that region, which makes it a nice fit to the scope of BMRJ. However, even after the revisions, the lack of sufficient and good quality supporting data does not warrant its publication in BMRJ.

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