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PART A:

Journal Name:	<u>International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health</u>
Manuscript Number:	MS: 2012/IJTDH/1337
Title of the Manuscript:	<i>Breastfeeding and weaning practices in urban slum, north western Nigeria</i>
Manuscript received on (Date)	
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PART B: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part and write here 'Corrected'/ if not agreed, give suitable justifications)
General comment:	Survey based among 143 mothers and age of index child range from 0 to more than 24 months and presented results based on only crude analyses. Information on early infant feeding practices collected afterward (54% older than 7 months) will have substantial recall bias	
Specific comments:	1. Authors mentioned that 143 collected by simple and systematic sampling but did not present data on how many they approached and how many refused/could not met etc 2. Operational definition- need to provide reference. If using WHO current recommendation then it is strictly recommended EBF for first 6 months of life. So, correct weaning definition according to author <u>food given in first 4-6 months</u> is not matching with the recent WHO recommendation. 3. Definition of EBF include first 6 months of life and 46% of index children were below 6 months of age but it is not clear whether most of them are around 1 months or 5 months. This is very important information when defining less than 6 months of age and prevalence of EBF will be obviously high if bulks of children are around one month of age compared with infant near to 6 months of age. 4. All the results presented are crude and provided only chi square test result. Logistic regression or other similar ANOVA test are require in order to generalize and validate the observe association and adjust for possible confounding like age, socio-economic etc	Effected lines 51,80 Agreed corrections effected and so used in text Agreed but data into soft ware was corrupted and not possible this time
Title and abstract	Title is okay but in abstract prefer to have information on age range of index child, institutional or home delivery, single or twin delivery etc	Age range of index child provided however study did not elicit place of delivery and single/multiple pregnancy
Introduction	One more paragraph is required with specifically elaborating local context and necessity of this study	Agreed and effected line 38



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Review of literature (Heading may differ in the case of review paper)	Preferably to include some updated information from local area, country or region	Agreed and effected
Materials & methods (Heading may differ in the case of review paper)	Number of family approached, refused/could not meet is required	Agreed and effected line 51
Results & discussion (Heading may differ in the case of review paper)	Some more baseline data like home or hospital delivery, single or twin deliveries, age distribution of index child specially under 6 months of age Line 116 " there was statistically significant..... ($p=0.198$). Please check this sentence. Limitation of study, discussion on recall bias, generalizabiity is also required	Age of index child included, place of delivery, single or multiple pregnancy not elicited in the study Limitation sated
Conclusion	Okay	
References	Require some more local data	Agreed and included