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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	MS: 2013_ IJTDH _3136
Title of the Manuscript:	Prevalence of Antibody to <i>Trypanosoma cruzi</i> in women Delivering Infants at Parkland Health & Hospital System, Dallas, Texas, USA

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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Authors should not mention that the presence of antibodies in pregnant women identified in umbilical cord blood represents a potential risk for the transmission of T. Cruzi via congenital as this only means that the mother is infected but not that transmitted infection. To determine transmission must identify the presence of the parasite in the blood of newborn and baby's own antibodies after 8 months old, only then can we say that an infected mother transmitted the disease. Moreover, not all mothers transmitted, so that one cannot extrapolate these results to the general population.	We did not say that <i>T. cruzi</i> was transmitted, only that the potential for such an event exists. We did not have the resources (human or financial), or the IRB approval, to follow the infants. In fact, we stated that we did not have that ability.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		