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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Many thanks for making the suggested changes. The majority of the comments were addressed, although a couple of changes are still needed. 1) Distinguishing between mortality rate and case fatality. In one place in "Introduction" they are still mentioned together without explicit distinguish. End of 4th paragraph in "Introduction", it reads <i>"This is largely higher than the 33 per 1000 live births overall in Africa.6 Various rates have been reported by different researchers in Nigeria ranging from 19.4 percentage 7 to 37.6 percentage among hospitalized newborns and in a rural community respectively."</i> Please revise so that such potentially confusing comparison is not made side by side. Actually the fatality statement is irrelevant here. 2) The manuscript needs to be proof-read by an editor. There are still typos and formatting inconsistencies (indentation, line spacing, etc.) Also the reference list isn't properly formatted. For example, reference No.1 and No.6 should be of the same format but they appear different in the current manuscript. There are many other inconsistencies with the reference. A serious effort needs to be made in proper formatting. 3) Acknowledgements. A typo here in the section heading. Also the reference to "Almighty God" might not be appropriate in this type of journal? This "Acknowledgements" section wasn't in the original submission. It was added in the revision. It is to the editor's discretion to include such reference or not.	Overall neonatal mortality constitutes about 40% of under- 5mortality and approximately 57 percent of infant mortality.⁴The neonatal mortality rate in Nigeria is 40 per 1000 live births and about 33 per 1000 live births overall in Africa.⁶ Various case - fatality rates have been reported by different researchers in Nigeria ranging from 19.4 percentage ⁷ to 37.6 percentage ⁸ among hospitalized newborns (audit) and in a rural community respectively. See page page 3 lines10-15. Reference No. I: Revised as follows: 1. UNICEF State of the World's children: Levels and trends in child mortality. Report 2011: Estimates developed by the UN Inter – Agency Group for child mortality estimation. Available @: http://www.childinfo.org/files/child_mortality_Report_2011.pdf. Accessed 8 August, 2013. See page 13 lines 2-5. Efforts made to correct other inconsistencies and typos in the entire work. 2. Efforts have been made to revise the manuscript with respect to the typographical errors.