



SDI Review Form 1.6

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	2013_IJTDH_6669
Title of the Manuscript:	Black Women's Predisposition to Preterm Birth; Could We Be Near The Answer?
Type of the Article	Research Paper

General guideline for Peer Review process:

This journal's peer review policy states that **NO** manuscript should be rejected only on the basis of '**lack of Novelty**', provided the manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound.

To know the complete guideline for Peer Review process, reviewers are requested to visit this link:

(<http://www.sciencedomain.org/page.php?id=sdi-general-editorial-policy#Peer-Review-Guideline>)



SDI Review Form 1.6

PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	1. Misleading title, study doesn't bring us anything more near to the answer of preterm birth. 2. Poorly written manuscript, scientific language needs to be better 3. Unclear abstract, it is hard to understand the study from it. 4. Introduction doesn't give us any good overview. 5. The method used – elevated aMMP-8 doesn't give us any good information. The authors should use a quantitative method for aMMP-8 evaluation to be able to answer their aims. The method is too robust. 6. There is no explanation from which level the test detects aMMP-8 elevation. 7. Page 5 Results section, authors state that aMMP-8 levels increased with the level of education and the trimester of pregnancy, but the authors had not a quantitative method- the statements are completely incorrect, they are impossible to get from the test the authors are using. 8. In totally very poor study and poorly written manuscript. Needs a lot of changes done before it could be suitable for publication.	1. A far greater percentage of population studied had elevated MMP-8-- higher percentage than among Caucasian women. This could explain greater risk of preterm birth. 2. Language corrections made in text. 3. Abstract is what we found. We believe it is clear enough. 4. The introduction has been adjusted. 5. This request is impossible. The study has already been completed. We believe a qualitative assessment showing over 83% with elevated a-MMP-8 is strong enough evidence. Moreover, we already stated these concerns as a limitation of this study. We don't know what the reviewer means by "The method is too robust"-- this is ambiguous. 6. It is 50 micrograms-- we did not include because it was not considered relevant. 7. Corrected. It is the percentage of participants that increased, NOT the



SDI Review Form 1.6

		level. 8. Thank you for your comment. We have tried to make adjustments.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Page 4, methods, no information is given about manufacturer of aMMP-8 kit used	Now provided as a footnote after references.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		