

PART A:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	MS: 2012/IJTDH/1769
Title of the Manuscript:	RATES AND RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS IN A TERTIARY CARE CENTER IN SOUTH-WESTERN NIGERIA.

PART B:

	FINAL EVALUATOR’S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors’ response to final evaluator’s comments
For comments of Reviewer VH and author’s feed back	The rewrite of the introduction was not well-done. You didn’t reference the systematic review paper. The CDC standardized surveillance criteria for defining surgical site infections was not followed because you did not count SSIs in patients readmitted to the same hospital within the required time-frame. It won’t be valid to compare your results to other studies that included readmissions. It doesn’t make sense you predict SSI from post-operative LOS. It doesn’t make sense to say ‘Thus by reducing post-operation bed stay we may decrease SSI.’ because SSIs themselves increase LOS. This was not explained in the discussion. You could have included duration of surgery as a risk adjustor by creating an indicator variable for whether the surgery was greater the 75 th percentile as published by NHSN. You could have included wound class as a risk adjustor – not clear why you didn’t since it is listed as collected variable. You didn’t report a model fit statistic as suggested.	INTRODUCTION HAS BEEN RE-WRITTEN THIS IS A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY AND DATA DEPEND ON DOCUMENTED INFORMATION SURGICAL WOUNDS CAN BE MANAGED FROM HOME IN AMBULATORY PATIENTS SO LOS CAN BE A PREDISPOSING FACTOR BINARY LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL WAS REPORTED
For comments of Reviewer NP and author’s feed back	Methods were weaker than I originally thought because it does not say that doctors were trained on surveillance definitions.	THEY WERE TRAINED ON DATA COLLECTION METHOD
For comments of Reviewer NK and author’s feed back	English writer was not used to correct grammar and make more precise as suggested. Hospital size was not clarified. This reviewer also felt that LOS is not the risk factor, but it should be the consequence of SSI.	GRAMMATICAL ERRORSCORRECTED HOSPITAL SIZE NOW INCLUDED, SORRY LOS COULD BE BOTH RISK FACTOR AND CONSEQUENCES
For comments of Reviewer 4 and author’s feed back		
For comments of Reviewer 5 and author’s feed back		
For comments of Reviewer 6 and author’s feed back		