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Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	2014_IJTDH_10771
Title of the Manuscript:	Prescribing practices for uncomplicated malaria in a rural district in Ghana, 2012
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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. The manuscript is well written and addresses a public health problem in malaria endemic countries especially in Ghana. I recommend it for publication after corrections. 2. Line 4: Define the abbreviation 'AOR' before use 3. Authors talk of number of workdays lost. This is vague. Is it work days per month or per year? 4. Line 123: The median age of patients in the abstract (12 years) is different from the median age in the results (23 years). 5. Title of figure 1 should be under the figure and not above. 6. Line 158: The abbreviation 'NHIS' should be defined before use. 7. Explain the rationale for comparing 2 sets of age groups that is, <5 and ≥5 years as well as <12 and ≥12 years.	2. Well noted and defined as adjusted odds ratio 3. This is workdays lost per episode of malaria. Corrected. 4. The mean age is 23 and has been corrected in the abstract. 5. Well noted and done 6. Defined as National Health Insurance Scheme 7. Rationale explained: Age was categorized into two groups namely less than five years and five years or more as well as 12 years or less and above 12 years. This is because children less than five years bear the brunt of malaria and are



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	8. Start the discussion with an introductory statement before getting into the interpretation of results. 9. Lines 183 - 184; This statement should be put in the right context to reflect the fact that it is referring to the Nigerian study “In terms of the recommended first line treatment of uncomplicated malaria, only 4.6% consisted of the recommended AL” 10. Authors should revise the references and make them uniform using the authors’ instructions.	important benchmark in public health importance of the disease whilst the age of 12 years is usually used as cut-off for paediatric and adult patients. 8. Well noted and done 9. Well noted and done 10. References section revised according to the journal style.
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Minor REVISION comments	ABSTRACT 1. Background, line 4: Change the word ‘determine’ to ‘determined’. 2. Results, line 1: The word ‘fourrecords’ should be two separate words. Introduction 3. Line 21: ‘Plasmodiumfalciparum’ should be separated. 4. Line 64: Add ‘s’ to Material. 5. Lines 67- 68: Avoid repeating ‘2012’. Simply say January to December 2012 since it’s the same year. 6. Line 126: Insert ‘in’ after the word ‘facility’ in the title of table 1. 7. Line 132: Write anti-malarial without an’s’ 8. Line 133: Write ‘artesanatemonotherapy’ as 2 separate words 9. Line 135: The word ‘under’ should be replaced by a more appropriate one. 10. Line 137: The word ‘request’ should be ‘requests’. 11. Line 138: The word ‘note’ should be ‘notes’. Insert ‘in’ after guidelines in the title of table 2. 12. Line 172: – Artesanatemonotherapy should be 2 separate words.	1. This has been done 2. Noted and done 3. Done 4. Done 5. Well noted and revised 6. Done 7. Done 8. Noted and done 9. Word should read “other”. Has been done 10. Done 11. Noted and done 12. Done
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<u>Optional/General</u> comments		