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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	Line 2: What do you mean by Pediatric morbidity..... in a suburban "hospital". I suppose medical and hospital are pointing to the same thing so remove medical. Line 12-14: This is irrelevant to the methodology, particularly in the abstract. "The paediatric department of the Jos University Teaching Hospital started posting trainee residents to the hospital in May 2012 for the community paediatric posting under the supervision of consultants." Remove it. Line 16: The data was analyzed using Microsoft 16 Excel is incorrect, re-cast. Data was entered into excel spreadsheet and analyzed using Line 18: A total of 334 children aged between birth.... This is not acceptable, when exactly was this? Day one, day 2, it should be clearly stated. Line 29: Remove globally so that your thoughts can flow into the next line Line 30: Regions of where? Line 33-34: Reference needed for "Most of these deaths are still from preventable causes like Pneumonia, diarrhoea, malaria, undernutrition and neonatal complications. Line 43: Has been said in line 29-30 Line 49: paediatricadmissions not one word Introduction needs to be enriched, it is very scanty. After that is done, all the paragraphs should be collapsed as one because it is and introduction/background that is made.	Thanks. Removed It has been removed from the abstract. However was left in the main methods because it forms the background for the reason for the study. Corrected. Corrected. Corrected. Removed Addition line 27 Reference added. Removed. Done. Done. Some additions made



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	Line 56-58: Not necessary, remove. "The hospital was established in 1922 under the Church of Christ in all Nations (COCIN), and is dedicated to the needs of the local community, though the hospital served most parts of Northern Nigeria for many years". Line 72: This was, should be this is..... Line 79: should be data collected include.... Line 81-83: It should be the other way round, the ethical clearance was first obtained and the approval from the hospital management followed. Remove the headings morbidity, outcome and mortalities. If they have to stand alone as individual findings they can. Remove lines 127-135, It is repetition of result and objective of your study, Line 154 & 155: write S. Nig and E. Nigeria in full Line 156: which lexicon is holo-endemic ? Please use the appropriate word. Line 172-174: Recast this sentence, "Possible reasons for the low prevalence of malaria in infants < 2 months includes: low susceptibility of this age group to malaria, and also the intermittent preventive prophylaxis against malaria given to all pregnant women during ANC. Line 204-205: Reference with date Duru and colleagues from Bayelsa reported PEM	Removed. Changed. Changed. Corrected. Thanks. But another reviewer wanted the order changed. Removed. Corrected. Changed. Inserted.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		