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PART 1:

Journal Name:	<u>International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health</u>
Manuscript Number:	2013 IJTDH 4183
Title of the Manuscript:	IS THERE ANY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN SERUM LIPIDS AND DIABETIC RETINOPATHY IN TYPE 2 DIABETIC PATIENTS IN GHANA?
Type of the Article	Research Paper

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PART 2: 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	Good study overall. You had mentioned that incidence of retinopathy same in both hypertensives & non hypertensives. How will you explain this?	In our study patients' self-reported history of physician diagnosis of hypertension was difficult and most of the patients could not tell whether they were on drug treatment for hypertension, therefore we measured BP prospectively for majority of the patients. It is possible that some of the normotensive diabetic retinopathy patients were actually hypertensive diabetic retinopathy patients who were on antihypertensive medications since this was a clinic based study. We acknowledge that hypertension has frequently been shown to be a risk factor in the development of retinopathy, but not all data testify to this and since ours was cross sectional, explanation of some observations were limited.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	NA	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	NA	