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**PART 1:**

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| Journal Name:            | <b><u>International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</u></b>                                            |
| Manuscript Number:       | <b>2013_IJTDH_5408</b>                                                                                          |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>Indications for Gynaecological Consultation by Women at a Rural Outreach Centre in North-Central Nigeria</b> |
| Type of the Article      | <b>Research Paper</b>                                                                                           |

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### **PART 2: Review Comments**

|                                               | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Author's comment</b> <i>(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)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b><br>REVISION comments | The paper (Manuscript ID; 2013-IJTDH-5408 for International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health) titled as "Indications for Gynaecological Consultation by Women at a Rural Outreach Centre in North-Central Nigeria" demonstrated that the common clinical diagnosis and disease pattern at a rural gynaecologic outreach clinic with identification of the reasons for consultations by descriptive retrospective study, on NKST Hospital Mkar-Gboko, Benue state, North-central Nigeria, in seven years (1st April 2005 to 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2012), and of the 1,733 women that attended the clinic during the study period, 1,605 (92.6%) women made the inclusion criteria and formed the study population. Gynaecological diseases are diverse and common among women in rural central Nigeria. Inability to conceive, lower abdominal pain and incontinence of urine and or faeces were the three main reasons women sought consultation with the gynaecologist at Mkar. Infertility, genital fistulae, uterine myoma, non-communicable medical disorders and retroviral diseases were leading clinical diagnoses. Extending the services of Gynaecologist to the rural areas in the region may reduce the access gap to women's health and enhance national development. | We agree with the reviewer. The Authors aimed at presenting the commonplaceness and diversities of gynaecological diseases among rural women in resource constrained areas like our region in Nigeria. We therefore advocate through this paper a policy that will provide programmes (like regular outstation visits from the tertiary health institutions to rural centres) that will reduce the access gap to Gynaecologist for rural women. |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments       | Then, this would suggest that the paper is attractive to be published in International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | We agree that the paper attracts the consideration for publication in IJTDH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**Note: Anonymous Reviewer**