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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	This manuscript reports results of an interesting study on seroincidence of human herpesvirus 2 among antenatal clinical attendees in Benin, Nigeria. Results of this study may provide important support to interventions for prevention of HSV-2 infections in pregnancy, maybe based on adoption of hygienic measures.	Thanks. This research effort is driven by the need to open the eyes of our leaders to the burden of HSV-2 infection. Interventions like hygienic measures are affordable and are not necessarily expensive. But ignoring this infection is very expensive.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	1. Major details should be provided on the quality of ELISA kit employed (sensitivity, specificity, cross-reactivity between the two HSV types). In this respect, please provide some reference. 2. In line 289 of the manuscript, reference is not 22, but 23.	1. No Africa-based validation studies on Dia Pro HSV Elisa kit is available. The only documented validation study is included in the kit manual. In those studies, reference specimens were of known potencies, based on FDA-approved kit. For example, the sensitivity and specificity of the HSV-2 IgG kit were >98% and >98% respectively. The kit manuals are online and have been cited. Two studies (in Nigeria and Egypt) utilized this kit and found it satisfactory. Thanks for your keen observation. The references are modified.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The manuscript is well performed and well-written. Statistical analysis is fine. Thus, this manuscript deserves publication, following minor revision.	Thanks