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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 38: Which country? Add: Nigeria. Line 45: Add: <i>the results were compared</i> with an enzyme immunoassay. Also: A test sensitivity (Not: The). Line 56: use plural: antibodies Line 58-59: difficult to understand. There are few publications because data are scarce. Either remark will do. Line 288: what does "93.3% compared with determine which recorded 60.0%" mean? Please rephrase.	Line 38: "Nigeria" has been added. Line 45: The sentence in has been modified as suggested. Line 56: Corrected to "antibodies" 58-59: Modified to read "Currently, there are few published data on the use of oral fluid HIV tests in children" Line 288: Rephrased to read "The PPV for OraQuick® was higher (93.3%) compared with determine (60.0%),"
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Additional references comparing the methods: Pant Pai N et al. Head-to-head comparison of accuracy of a rapid point-of-care HIV test with oral versus whole-blood specimens: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Lancet Infect Dis. 2012 May; 12(5):373-80. doi: 10.1016/S1473-3099(11)70368-1. Zachary D et al. Field comparison of OraQuick ADVANCE Rapid HIV-1/2 antibody test and two blood-based rapid HIV antibody tests in Zambia. BMC Infect Dis. 2012 Aug 8; 12:183. doi: 10.1186/1471-2334-12-183. Typo's: Line 340: health (not heath) Line 349: should be: available.	The two suggested additional references are appreciated. However, as the he studies were on the adult population, the authors have opted not to include them in the present manuscript. Typographical errors referred to in the reference section on lines 340 and 349 have been corrected
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Interesting and well executed research that will be valuable for child care in developing countries. However, English usage should be checked and improved throughout the manuscript	