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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>                                                      |
| Manuscript Number:       | 2014_IJTDH_9307                                                                                                             |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Is hypertension and or cardiovascular disease the greatest cause of morbidity, hospitalisation and mortality in The Gambia? |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article                                                                                                   |

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**PART 1: 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> REVISION comments |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      | <p>Citations abbreviated: Int J of Epidemio 2011 line 295 etc</p> <p>Multiple spacing errors: lines 78, 80, 84, etc</p> <p>Clarity issues: lines 67-72, 115-116 and others</p> <p>What is the focus? Is it hypertension and CVD as the title states, or is it to investigate major cause of morbidity etc as stated in lines 12-14?</p> <p>Why are all NCDs and percentages listed in the tables and not referred to?</p> <p>Tables in body and also in Appendix. None are referred to in the text. There are two Table 3's.</p> | <p>Citation has been adjusted as per journal's guideline.</p> <p>Texts have been formatted to correct the spacing errors while clarity issues have been addressed by inserting linking words, where necessary.</p> <p>The focus or aim of the paper is to investigate the major cause of morbidity, hospitalisation and mortality among NCDs in The Gambia.....(now lines 10-12).</p> <p>NCDs and relevant percentages (and statistics) have been referred to in the results section.</p> <p>The additional tables in the appendix were merely to provide supplementary data and numbering adjusted while references to them have now been made in the revised manuscript</p> |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>The comments of the reviewer were taken and highly appreciated while appropriate corrections/adjustments have been effected in the revised manuscript.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |