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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <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>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	- Abstract is too long, no need to add materials and methods. Add percentages in result in abstract. - There should be percentages of infected women and particular parasite observed. It will make the study complete. - I think chi-square will be better for comparing means in this type of study instead of t-test.	The abstract has been reduced to less than 250 words which is standard. Percentages have been added. The specie of the parasite was not studied. T-test is better in comparing means while chi-square is for comparing proportions or percentages.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	‘There is paucity of studies in our environment to demonstrate the adverse associations between placental malaria and pregnancy outcome’. Please restructure this sentence. I don’t agree with this. A lot of studies have been carried out on this. - replace data collection in line 74 with Sample Collection and Analysis - Replace ‘associate’ in line 140 with association - The legends on tables 1 -3 is not comprehensive, e.g. Tables I: The characteristics of the participants. It dose not make sense. A simple sentence to say everything about the data in the table.	Correction done. But note that only few of these studies were done in the south east, Nigeria and none in Nnewi. Replacement made. Replacement made. Legend for table 1 has been made . Thanks.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The article has contributed to knowledge	