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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
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Title of the Manuscript:	Seroprevalence and relative risk of HBsAg among female patients seeking healthcare service in Bo Government Hospital, Sierra Leone: 14-months database study

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The author has answered or corrected most of the questions, but still could not give the answers to comments 7, which is important in this paper. I would suggest to make further revision to look at HBsAg seroprevalence of study population by age and marriage status using cross table.	While the suggestion for the inclusion of a cross table that incorporate HBsAg seroprevalence and marital status is a valuable one, authors are however constrained to do so because the marital status of the study population was not documented in the hospital record. The hospital data only recorded HBsAg seroprevalence with respect to sex, age and pregnancy. And in Sierra Leone, pregnancy doesn't simply implies the woman is married, does can we determine marital status simply by attaching it to a particular age. However, the authors have noted the suggestion and have included it conclusion section