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PART A:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	**MS: 2012/IJTDH/1683**
Title of the Manuscript:	**THE PATTERN OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IN PORT HARCOURT, SOUTHERN NIGERIA**

(Note: Title of different sections as proposed below may differ in case of review paper)

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PART B: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	**Author's comment** *(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part and write here 'Corrected'/ if not agreed, give suitable justifications)*
General comment:	Satisfactory after minor changes.	
Specific comments:		
Title and abstract	Title is fully descriptive of work Abstract is accurate and succinct Format is correct	
Introduction *(Is the problem/objective of this study original, important and well defined?)*	Problem is important Background coverage is adequate	
Are all the references cited relevant, adequate? Are there any other suitable current references authors need to cite?	References are relevant and no other references are needed	
Materials & methods *(Kindly comment on the suitability of the methods. Sufficient details of the methods should be provided to allow peers to evaluate and/or replicate the work)*	Methods are clearly stated L83: Pls show how participants were selected randomly. What was method of randomization?	
Results & discussion (Kindly comment on: 1. Are the data well controlled and robust? 2. Authors should provide relevant references during discussion. 3. Discussion and conclusions should be based on actual facts and figures. Biased claims should be pointed out. 4. Are statistical analyses must for this paper? If yes, have sufficient and appropriate statistical analyses been carried out?)	Results: All data were presented L113: rite to be corrected to right Discussion: References are relevant; all data were discussed based on actual facts. Statistical analysis is appropriate L162: Pls show why some studies found that FGM does not affect sexual behaviour????	
Are there any ethical or competing interest issues?	No	
Conclusion (Is the conclusion supported by the data, discussed inside the manuscript? Conclusions should not be biased and should be based on the data, presented inside the manuscript only)	Yes Not biased	
References	All are cited in text Format is correct	

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