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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>                                                                         |
| Manuscript Number:       | 2014_IJTDH_12611                                                                                                                               |
| Title of the Manuscript: | USEFULNESS OF ASCITIC FLUID CHOLESTEROL AND PROTEIN IN THE DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF ASCITES IN NIGERIA: COMPARISM WITH CONVENTIONAL CYTOLOGY. |
| Type of the 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 | <p><b>Discussion:</b><br/>Recent literature should be included:</p> <p>For example:</p> <p><a href="#">Usefulness of ascitic fluid cholesterol as a marker for malignant ascites.</a></p> <p>Rana SV, Babu SG, Kocchar R.<br/>Med Sci Monit. 2005 Mar;11(3):CR136-42.</p> <p><a href="#">Diagnosing ascitic etiology on a biochemical basis.</a></p> <p>Bansal S, Kaur K, Bansal AK.<br/>Hepatogastroenterology. 1998 Sep-Oct;45(23):1673-7.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments   | <p><b>Line 10:</b> complete the phrase “needed to differentiate between the two”, please note “ the two parameters” for example.</p> <p><b>Patients and methods:</b><br/>         -From line 62 to 64 define as well:<br/>         This paragraph should be ordered better:<br/>         first patient (as described below) and then techniques. Or it could also be deleted, and added in subsequent paragraphs.</p> <p><b>-Disussion:</b><br/>         The discussion would be more rewarding if we briefly discuss (one paragraph only) on the economic consequences and saving time and material to catalog quickly ascites (suspicious for malignancy or not) according to their levels of cholesterol.</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>        |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments | <p>A final conclusion should be added in the end of the discussion.</p> <p>Please clarify the ethical issue, if any</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Conclusion has been added</p> |