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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
ManuscriptNumber:	2015_IJTDH_16469
Title of the Manuscript:	Sero-prevalence of Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg) among apparently healthy Students of a Tertiary Institution in North-Eastern Nigeria
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
It is the opinion of this reviewer that the revised paper has failed to address important points regarding several of the comments made. The manuscript has seen almost no change, apart from small and relatively insignificant changes. For example, though it is fine to change sex to gender, the real quality problems remain untouched. Particularly, the reporting is poor, and it seems that the authors completely ignored this in the revised edition. There are so many points to address that this reviewer obviously could not mention them all, so it is not a sufficient answer to note that this observation is vague. In fact, great care was taken to actually note several places in which the reporting should be improved. Poor reporting has at least two consequences: first, selection bias and other sources of error become impossible to evaluate, and second, the paper is difficult to read. Both limit the usability of the study, and the only valid reason to publish internationally is that others could benefit in some way from reading the results of the study.	We have responded appropriately to all the articulated and specific observations raised by reviewers to the best of our ability without selection and bias. The area where we said “these observations are vague” - look like general comments; The reviewer wasn't specific on what to do. However, it has been taken care of in the present revised manuscript. Noted