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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a> |
| Manuscript Number:       | <b>Ms_IJTDH_19046</b>                                                  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>Neonatal Tetanus are we winning the war?</b>                        |
| Type of the Article      |                                                                        |

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                            | Reviewer's comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Author's comment (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)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | <p><b>Review :</b><br/> <b>materials and methods section as highlighted in tracked copy*</b><br/> <b>-precise period of review</b><br/> <b>-Ethical issues to be clarified</b><br/> <b>-Staff strength and facilities for management of cases of neonatal tetanus.</b><br/> <b>Results:</b><br/> <b>-Any relevant data on other sociodemographic variables that were important to analyse as mentioned in track comment.</b><br/> <b>-Change table 2 to figure showing a plot of yearly variation of number of cases,</b><br/> <b>-See other comments; e,g sentences starting with numbers</b><br/> <b>Conclusion:</b><br/> <b>See tracked copy.</b><br/> <b>References:</b><br/> <b>Specify when links were accessed.</b></p> | <p>Period of study is from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1995 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014<br/> Ethical clearance has been obtained from the Ethics committee of the hospital<br/> Staff strength : tetanus patients are managed by a team of paediatricians in the community and social paediatrics unit of the department comprising three consultants, two resident doctors and one or two house officers, there are no nurses solely assigned to tetanus unit but we have two or more nurses on each shift caring for a children medical ward with a bed capacity of 36 beds. There is a two bedded tetanus room(a side room at the end of the children's medical ward) with a suction machine an oxygen concentrator , an incubator and other consumables for the care of tetanus patients. There is no intensive care unit for management of tetanus patients. Tetanus patients are not managed in the intensive care unit of the hospital as they cannot afford it(fifty thousand naira per night equivalent of 250 dollars per night)</p> |



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| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments   | Grammar.<br>-Some sentences should be rephrased for better understanding<br><br>ethical issues- YES; Ethical approval of the study.<br>Administrative clearance from the hospital permitting review of case notes.                    | This has been done<br><br>We have ethical approval from the Ethics committee of the Hospital                                      |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments | Good manuscript which highlights an area of public health concern. It respects respects editorial norms. However, it is apparent 'short' because of lack of some vital information. (e.g sociodemographic characteristics of parents) | This lack of some of the sociodemographic characteristics of the parents is as a result of poor record keeping in our environment |