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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
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Title of the Manuscript:	The Practice of Forced Feeding: Perception among Parents and Caregivers in Enugu, South East Nigeria
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
• Still this paper need editing. - Examples, - Line 19, Most of the force-fed children, it should be modified to force-feeding children. - Lines 20& 21, None of the socio-demographic factors considered in this study was significantly associated with forced-feeding practice. It is better to be modified to (There was no association between socio-demographic factors and forced-feeding practice). - Lines 27-29, The prevalence of forced-feeding among parents and care-givers is high. The practice is more among parents in the higher socio-demographic strata. There is need for intensification of campaigns against the practice among mothers and care-givers. These statements should be modified to (The prevalence of forced-feeding among parents and caregivers was high. This practice was more among parents in the higher socio-demographic strata. There is need for intensification of campaigns against the practice among mothers and caregivers. - lines 35 & 36, this statement is better to be (Furthermore, it is associated with this misconception the belief that the appearance of a child in terms of weight is a reflection of the socio-economic status of the child's family). - Force feeding/ forced feeding/force fed should be force-feeding/ forced-feeding/force-fed in all text. In addition, care giver, adverse effect(s), should be caregiver, adverse-effect(s) in all text. - Lines 54-56, It is hoped that findings of this study will help inform interventions by government and healthcare experts in preventing this practice which has been generally regarded as a violation of the right of a person. It is better to be modified to (It is hoped that findings of this study would help government and health care providers to develop strategies and interventions for preventing this practice, which has been generally regarded as a violation of the child's rights. - Lines 68-72, This is a hospital based cross-sectional descriptive and analytical study conducted over a 5 months period (July 2014 to	All corrections effected



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December 2014) in the Well Baby Clinics of Enugu State University Teaching Hospital, Parklane Enugu. Mothers and caregivers who had fed a child in the past three years consecutively enrolled for the study, while those who refused consent were excluded. **It is better to be changed to (A hospital –based a cross-sectional descriptive-analytical study was conducted over a 5 months period (July 2014 to December 2014) in the Well Baby Clinics of Enugu State University Teaching Hospital, Parklane Enugu. Mothers and caregivers who had fed a child in the past three years consecutively were enrolled for the study, while those who unwilling to participate were excluded.**

- **Line 72, perception should be changed to knowledge.**
- **Lines 92 & 93, Where there are errors detected, it should be (Where there were errors detected).**
- **Lines 15 & 96, Chi-square and fishers exact test. It should be (Chi-square and fisher's exact test)**
- **Line 112, Majority of respondents (86.1%) alluded. It should be (The majority of respondents (86.1%) were alluded).**
- **Lines 113& 114, Of these, 88 (68.8%) force fed their children compared to those not forced fed as children (83.0% vs. 61.5%, $P=0.018$). Respondents in the younger age category [i.e. < 25 years (80.8%) and 26-30 years (69.4%), had force fed the. It should be modified to (Of these, 88 (68.8%) had force-fed their children compared to those not forced fed as children (83.0% vs. 61.5%, $P=0.018$). Respondents in the younger age category [i.e. < 25 years (80.8%) and 26-30 years (69.4%) had force-fed the ...)**
- **Lines 116 & 117, these adverse effect. It should be these adverse-effects.**
- **Line 122, children compared to those not forced fed as children. It should be (children compared to those were not force-fed as children)**
- **Line 128, Similarly, more respondents in the upper socioeconomic class (73.0%) force fed their child, it should be changed to (Similarly, more respondents in the upper socioeconomic class (73.0%) had force-fed their children).**
- **Line 130, (see table 2), it is better to be changed to (as seen in table 2).**
- **Line 134, about 9% of the respondents force-feed because of advice and pressure from relatives. It is better to be changed to (about 9% of the respondents had force-feeding because of advice and pressure from relatives).**
- **Lines 136 & 137, The most common strategy of forced-feeding used by the respondents was forcing the food into the child's mouth (29.1%) and distracting the child (21.8%). It should be (The most common strategies of forced-feeding used by the respondents were forcing the food into the child's mouth (29.1%) and distracting the child**



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(21.8%). - Lines 138 & 139, delete this statement (Others included nose pinching (19.1%), flogging (16.4%) and threats (12.7%). - Line 140, with the most notable being physical restraint and nose pinching (Table 3). It should be changed to with the most notable were being physical restraint and nose pinching (Table 3). - Line 142, by respondents. (Table 3). It is better to be modified to by respondents (Table 3). - Line 177, However mothers in the. It should be (However, mothers in the). - Lines 211 & 212, In limitation, It is better to modify the statement (Also, recall or lie bias may lead to inaccuracies in information given by the respondents) to this statement (In addition, the collected data may be inaccurate because of recall bias of the respondents. - Lines 215 & 216, (Therefore health care workers and relevant government.....) should be (Therefore, health care workers and relevant government agencies should be encouraged to formulate and enforce policies that increase public education and enlightenment of the ills of force-feeding. - Table 1, Age of Respondents (years) and Knowledge of Force feeding should be Age of respondents (years) and Knowledge of forced- feeding. • <i>Title should be modified to (The Knowledge and Practice of Forced Feeding among Mothers and Caregivers in Enugu, South East Nigeria) to be consistent with other parts of the study.</i> • <i>In abstract, the purpose</i> (It aimed to determine perception, reasons and factors associated with force-feeding a child among respondents should be changed to be consistent with the study). It should be modified to be (It aimed to determine the knowledge and practice of forced-feeding among mothers and caregivers in Enugu, South East Nigeria. It also assessed the association between socio-demographic factors and the practice of forced-feeding. • <i>In abstract, in conclusion, add this statement,</i> health care workers and relevant government agencies should be encouraged to formulate and enforce policies that increase public education and enlightenment of the ills of force-feeding to be at lines 28 & 29 and then continue with the other statement (In addition, there is need for intensification of campaigns against the practice among mothers and care-givers. • <i>In purpose, replace mothers instead of parents to be consistent with sampling inclusion criteria.</i> • <i>In methodology:</i> - Remove subheadings (study setting, study design, and sampling) and put them in one subheading (Study setting, design, and sample). - Remove subheading sampling and instead of it put (Main Measures). Also, remove subheading data cleaning and analysis and instead of it put Statistical analysis.	
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- Regarding Validity and reliability. The researchers mentioned that not assessed. However, my question is this questionnaire developed by the researchers or it obtained from previous literature. If it obtained from previous literature, they should add the reference.
- **Is the sample selected randomly or non-randomly????? Because the limitation that mentioned in the paper, which is** (A main limitation of the study is that it is a hospital based study which may lead to errors in estimating the actual prevalence of force-feeding in the study area) could be related to sampling method which could effect on generalization of the findings if the sample was non-random).
- **In recommendations, what about the role of health care providers towards this problem ??? In my view the researchers can add this statement in recommendations** (There is need for intensification of campaigns against this practice among mothers and care-givers.

The questionnaire was developed by the authors