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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>                      |
| Manuscript Number:       | <b>Ms_IJTDH_20791</b>                                                                       |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>Anaemia in pregnancy: Prevalence and associated factors in Azare, north-east Nigeria</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>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Abstract:</b></li> <li>- <b>Delate: Study design: Cross-sectional study</b></li> <li>- <b>Place and Duration of Study: Department of Obstetrics &amp;Gynaecology, Federal Medical Centre, Azare Bauchi State, between January 2010 and June 2010.</b></li> <li>-</li> <li>- <b>And you put this paragraph:</b></li> <li>- <b>"Methodology: Four hundred women who presented to the antenatal clinic for their booking visit were studied, in department of Obstetrics &amp;Gynaecology, Federal Medical Centre, Azare Bauchi State, between January 2010 and June 2010. Anaemia was defined as a haematocrit of 33%. Demographic and obstetric characteristics as well as blood, urine and stool samples were taken from the enrolled participants. The data was analysed with Epi info 3.3.4. (CDC Atlanta)"</b></li> <li>- <b>Introduction:</b></li> <li>- <b>14 reference for the introduction. It is longer, to reduce.</b></li> <li>- <b>During January 2010 and June 2010. 400 pregnant women who presented for booking. Just 400 patients????</b></li> <li>- <b>Results:</b></li> <li>- <b>Line 84: you put "30.8 ± 3.8 %.</b></li> </ul> | <p>While I have no objection to this suggestion, this is the format prescribed by the journal in the template. Hence my decision to structure the abstract as in the template " study design, Place and duration etc"</p> <p>Similar feedback as above</p> <p>The four hundred women were the selected study participants not the number of women who booked in the study period.</p> <p>Correction done.</p> |



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|                                  | <b>Discussion:</b> . It is detailed to reduce.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |       |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments | <p>Currently using another parameter to determine anemia during pregnancy. Current markers of iron deficiency tend to be less reliable in pregnancy especially ferritin which is an acute phase reactant and as such will not be reliable in the diagnosis of iron deficiency anaemia among pregnant women with infections. Soluble transferrin receptor assay may be useful in these situations because it reflects the degree of iron requirement in relation to supply and it is not an acute phase reactant.</p> | Noted |
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