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Title of the Manuscript:	Utilization of HIV Testing and Counseling Services by Men in the Bolgatanga Municipality
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <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>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	• Statistical part in the methodology is not reflected in the abstract--- line 320-324. • Put reference for line 35...ending with Hiv worldwide. • Men, Ghana can never be keywords • Put literature review on its own. Separate it from your introduction. • Replace uptake with utilization. • Mention all the authors in 601 (remove ..et al- this is not allowed in publishing). • Put the date you assessed the reference line 606.	• The abstract has been slightly modified to include the statistical aspect. • The reference has been duly inserted • Those two words have been deleted from the keywords. • The introduction has been duly separated from the literature review as suggested. • The word "uptake" has been replaced with "utilization" except some parts of the literature review where the authors of the articles used the word "uptake". • All the authors of the articles and other publications used have been mentioned and the 'et al' duly removed. Reference in line 606 of original manuscript is not more
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	• I feel that 2 weeks is not enough for such kind of study. • Put these abbreviations in full HIV, CDC, VCT, CHPS, GDHS. •	• We executed the field data collection component of the study within two weeks. Five research assistants plus one of the researchers collected the data because of the limited period that was given for the project. They worked all days of the week including weekends and were able to meet the target within 2 weeks.



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		• • The abbreviations HIV, CDC, VCT, CHPS, GDHS have been written in full on first use
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The whole paper is of substance but it's too lengthy. The paper should be summarized from 22 to 14 pages. Yes clarify the ethical issue, if any	The paper has been reduced in length from 22 to 15 pages. Ethical approval (ID NO: GHS-ERC:39/03/13) was obtained from the Ethical Review Committee of Ghana Health Service before the conduct of this study. The respondents were told participation was voluntary and that they could withdraw from the study at any time. Each respondent was interviewed alone at a place no one could hear him. Also, their names were not written on the questionnaire. There was no conflict of interest on the researchers' part.