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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Asian Journal of Biology</a>                                                                                              |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_AJOB_33246                                                                                                                         |
| Title of the Manuscript: | SEROPREVALENCE OF HEPATITIS B VIRUS AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN ATTENDING ANTE-NATAL CLINIC AT GENERAL HOSPITAL ARGUNGU, KEBBI STATE NIGERIA |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research 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 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments    | <p>The study is too elementary. It is also flawed in concept and design. Authors seem not to understand the difference between HBsAg and antiHB antibody.</p> <p>The abstract was not written in acceptable format. The conclusion and recommendation in the abstract were not derived from the study.</p> <p>'Table 1' is really not a table and most of the tables could have been merged. Interpretation of results and discussion especially as regards the risk factors are also flawed. There was no comparison between positive and negative cases with regards to risk factors.</p> <p>There also a lot of grammatical errors.</p> <p>It may be considered as a short communication if the serious deficiencies are corrected.</p> | <p>HBsAg is the surface antigen while antiHB antigen is the antibody specific against HBsAg.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>                                                    |