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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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>1. The authors stated that" the patients with VVF were purposively selected". Please explain: 1) how these patients have been selected? Which criteria has been used to select these patients? 2) if the patient selection was not random, will the selection procedure introduce bias.</p> <p>2. S18, S79 and S135: With mean and median years of 22.3 years . Please note most the time: mean ≠ median. Please clarify</p> <p>3.S23- 24: out of the 14 with husbands, all had .. with (71,4%, n=10), please clarify the statement and define the relationship of these numbers, it is very hard to understand the logicIn both the abstract and main body of the manuscript, author stated that " VVF condition mainly from obstructed labour due to Malpresentation of the baby at delivery, Cephalopelvic disproportion (CPD), maternal distress or Cervical dystocia".</p>	<p>1. VVF is a rare but significant medical outcome. The study population comprised of all the cases observed in the County in 6 months period. A random selection of the sample from the study population could only have been employed if some individuals should have been selected and others left out, hence the need to ensure equal chances of being selected and reduce or eliminate selection bias. In this study, no patient who consented to take part in the study (and all cases consented) was left out. Since the sample size (n) was equal to the Population (N) this was census.</p> <p>2. One characteristic feature of Normal Distribution Curve is that the mean, mode and median are equal. As the sample size approaches infinity, the mean, mode and median are equal, hence evidence that the data that was collected was approaching normal distribution</p> <p>3. Out of 34 cases, 14 were of women who were married. Out of the 14 husbands, 10 provided feedback. 10 out of 14 is</p>



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	<p>However, these are all descriptive and no any data to support these results.</p> <p>4. in the introduction, please add a few sentences to clearly the aim/purpose of the study.</p> <p>5. S76 author stated “ regression analysis has been used. However, there had no any data/results reported. Please clarify which statistics methods have been used in the study.</p> <p>6. What ‘s the difference between Table 1 onset of VVF and Table 4: occurrence of VVF. For my best knowledge, it described the same issue. However, the data represented are totally different.</p> <p>7. Table 7 sounds non-senesce, as it did not support any of your main conclusion, please delete it from the manuscript.</p> <p>8. The title of Table 2, 3, 5, an d6, please delete “ shows”. They are titles, not the legends of Table</p>	<p><b>equal to <math>10 \div 14 = 0.7173 = 71.4\%</math></b></p> <p>The study was community based and hence the hospitals were used to provide the descriptive data, not the detailed medico-surgical evidence</p> <p>Advise taken and applied (Line 59-62)</p> <p>Correlation analysis was carried out using the data provided in the tables e.g. (Table 1). There was a highly significant negative correlation (<math>r = -0.9339</math>, <math>p &lt; 0.01</math>), (Table 6). There was a significant negative correlation (<math>r = -0.6415</math>, <math>df (10)</math>, <math>p &lt; 0.05</math>); (<math>t = 2.644</math>). Please note we did Karl Peason Product Moment Correlation coefficient. Where <math>p &lt; 0.05</math>, we showed the <math>df</math> after t-test.</p> <p>We have noted the error and have corrected. In Table1 it was the age of the respondents at the time of the study, in</p>
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	<p>9. In the discussion, the authors cited a few references to support the results and conclusion. However, what's the difference between your study and others? (e.g study design, population, findings, conclusions..) If whatever you described, whatever you found and conclude herein were the same as others, the scientific value of the manuscript will be reduced.</p>	<p>table 4 it was the age of the respondents when VVF occurred.</p> <p>The information in table 7 was used in last paragraph in discussion, (line 183)</p> <p>Advise taken and implemented Where our results were different, we stated as in paragraph 1 (line 131-139)</p> <p>Where our results were consistent with other results, we showed. (line 147-150), 164-166</p> <p>Results that were not compared but guided by suggestions from others(Line 173-188)</p>
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<b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments	<p>S53: FGM: Please define and give the full name of the abbreviation.</p> <p>Author should consider to add some graphs or use some graphs to replace the table, for example , for these correction studies, a graph will show your data more clear and make the manuscript readable</p>	Suggestion implemented
<b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments	<p>Please do English polishing/correction all through the manuscript, some example:</p> <p>S10: the patients has... and their inner wear: her innerwear.</p> <p>S45: self esteem: self-esteem</p> <p>S44-45, the condition... neglect from family: has been neglected</p> <p>S46: She (??), if it results ;it (??): Patient with VVF.. , if the condition...</p> <p>S47: Most communities considering such women: most communities consider such women</p> <p>S50: in developed world: in the developed world</p> <p>S73-73 interview schedules with the respondents were conducted and key informant interviews and focus group discussions we carried out. (???)</p> <p>.....</p>	Advise implemented