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Manuscript Number:	2015_BMRJ_18201
Title of the Manuscript:	MATERNAL SEROPREVALENCE OF HEPATITIS B VIRUS SEROLOGIC MARKERS AMONG ATTENDEES OF A SECONDARY HEALTH FACILITY IN MAIDUGURI, NIGERIA
Type of the Article	Short 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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	Introduction: It may be pertinent to mention what are the screening practices in the area for Hepatitis B. It is a routine antenatal test in US and other developed countries. Do physicians adhere to these standards in Nigeria? If not, do we have a known rate of screening? If lacking, the importance of this screening should be underlined in the introduction. 135: Please explain how HBsAg prevalence is related /attributed to anemia? Are you referring to transfusion related transmission? If so, clarify. 144: Are you implying mosquitoes transmit hepatitis B? How is malaria status a limitation? Elaborate.	Screening rate in Nigeria is not known. That can be a future research topic. Refer to manuscript. Does not transmit HB
Minor REVISION comments	Line 49: change "diseases" to "disease" Line 57: change "part" to "parts" Line 67: suggest changing "A structured questionnaire was administered on each pregnant woman.." to "to" Line 83: capitalize C to represent Celsius Reformat line to state reference with author's first name et al, instead of just the number in bracket. Line 89: manufacture's should be" manufacturer's" Line 95: change groups to "group" Line 101: Reformat sentence Line 106-108: Maintain format consistently in stating numbers and percentages.	<u>ALL</u> Reviewer's comments below have been effected in the manuscript and highlighted "yellow color"



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	Line 113: repetition of previous sentence. Line 116: Remove extra % sign, correct subscript in HBs Line 121: Change markers to “marker” 122: person to “persons” 135: state author name instead of number alone 137-138: reformat sentence 140-141: Reformat. 141: second to “secondly” 141: if you are trying to underline the lack of barrier protection, please state that clearly. Pills are not directly implicated in transmission of HBV. Line 157: searchlight? Please rephrase Line 159: Change “to developing fetus” to “to the developing fetus” Line 160: reformat Line 162: Patients acutely infected with HBV may become immune by virtue of natural infection and therefore a generalization of their fate cannot be made at initial diagnosis. Better to state percentage chance of developing complications. Line 181: positively?	
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<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Could lump limitations and strengths together in a paragraph under discussion.	Noted
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