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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">British Microbiology Research Journal</a>                                                                                      |
| Manuscript Number:       | 2015_BMRJ_18201                                                                                                                            |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>MATERNAL SEROPREVALENCE OF HEPATITIS B VIRUS SEROLOGIC MARKERS AMONG ATTENDEES OF A SECONDARY HEALTH FACILITY IN MAIDUGURI, NIGERIA</b> |
| Type of the Article      | <b>Short Research Article</b>                                                                                                              |

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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><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | <p>This paper attempts to evaluate prevalence of the use of HBV using four different biomarkers. In as much as I applaud the author(s) for the objective, I have a lot of issues with the statistical aspect of the work. The statistical analysis of the data is not clear or virtually absent. Author(s) need to indicate how the data were analysed and the specific tools used. The use of t-test to study effect of one variable on the other is problematic and must be revised. Since sound discussion and conclusions are based on sound statistical analysis of data, my</p> <p>The specific comments have been made on the pdf version of the paper for the attention of the author(s).</p> <p>Ethical issue: No, ethical approval was sought.</p> | <p>Chi square and t-test were used. Comments are appreciated. Useful for future research.</p> <p>Incorrect. Refer to "Study population"</p>                                   |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                               |