



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	British Microbiology Research Journal
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

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
I have read the revised article and my view is that authors failed to address a number of the pertinent issues raised. Of particular interest is the statistical bit of it. Authors persistently presented χ^2 values without actual p-values obtained. They did not also interpret their values making it difficult to tell whether they are using the correct interpretation or not. Above all, authors maintained their choice of t-test to study association between socioeconomic status and HBV infection in spite of incorrect use of the t-test here. This was pointed out but nothing has been done about it. Since the relevance of the finding is dependent on sound statistical analysis, I find it difficult to ignore the statistical inadequacies or shortcoming detected in the paper. Therefore, the paper must be REJECTED until all the relevant corrections are effected.	

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