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Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV: The perception and experiences of HIV positive mothers in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>*** The manuscript is just a description of personal reactions, opinions, perception of the mothers on being diagnosed as HIV positive, the services and care received thereafter. There is no scientific analysis and description of any sorts except for a small demographic analysis of the participants.</p> <p>The topic of the manuscript sounds very scientific and enlightening but what is contains is just personal accounts of individual mothers.</p>	<p>Thank you for the feedback on the manuscript.</p> <p>This was a qualitative study highlighting the personal views and experiences of HIV positive mothers that had participated in the PMTCT programme at various health facilities in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.</p> <p>Being a qualitative study, the objective was to generate "soft" data to evaluate the PMTCT programme from the perspective of the patients (mothers) that had participated in the PMTCT programme. Such data would be crucial for improving the PMTCT programme and achieving the goal of reducing mother-to-child transmission of HIV.</p> <p>A qualitative study such as this provides insight into strengths and weaknesses of the PMTCT programme in its current form and provides vital information on the different aspects of the programme that need to be re-engineered in order to achieve the programme goals.</p> <p>The study findings may then form the bedrock for larger quantitative studies of which detailed scientific analysis can be carried out.</p> <p>The data obtained from the focus group discussions and the in-depth interview sessions were analysed thematically to identify recurrent themes on the patients' perspective and experience of the PMTCT programme in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.</p>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
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