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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	1. Reframe title to: Sero-surveillance of HBsAg and Anti-HCV among pregnant women in..... - NB: If you did work on HCV, then it should be captured in your methods, abstract, and conclusion sections. 2. Abstract: State version of SPSS used. State the risk factors identified in your study. 93 pregnant women cannot justify such a sero-surveillance study. No report at all on HCV in your abstract. 3. Introduction: Needs corrections and shortening. The aim/objs should be the last statement in the introduction section than presenting it this way. 4. Materials and Methods: Merge "Study design" and "Sampling method" as one heading (Study design) an "Inclusion criteria" and "Exclusion criteria" as one heading (Inclusion and Exclusion criteria). Present your methodologies in pas tenses. Replace "will be"to "was/were". 93 subjects as total sample size is not realistic in such an epidemiological study. Since, your interest was on HBsAg, a confirmatory test that detects HBsAg should be incorporated in the method (e.g ELISA). No HCV protocol was presented in the methods? It must be described. Delete "Using Immunochromatographic.....from heading, since it's stated in the protocol. State the procedures carried out for each test. 5. Results: Expunge Table 1. It should be presented at the discussion section of the result. Table 2, 5 and 6 headings should be best presented as: Groups..... TNF-alpha..... ALT.....p value. 6. Conclusion and Recommendation: Conclusion and recommendations should be based on the present findings. Expunge and rewrite some statements.	A formula was used to calculate the minimum sample size 93 Noted noted recommended for further studies noted
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