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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The use of the term study group is inappropriate as both groups were studied. Rather the study group should be renamed as intervention group. -The authors should review the discussion and conclusion. Most part of the discussion contain information that should be in the results section. -The conclusion should be based on the objective of the study. -HIV testing generally raises some ethical concerns. Was institutionalized ethical approval (such as approval from an IRB) obtained for this study? If yes, this should be clearly stated in the text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The study group has been renamed intervention group and highlighted to reflect the correction. - The discussion and conclusion has been edited to remove some information that are already in the results - The conclusion has reflected the objectives of the study as suggested - Yes institutionalized ethical approval was gotten from the Ethical approval committee of the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki and permission was gotten from the state ministry of Health. This has been corrected.
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments	All well designed study with a good execution but findings are not properly reported. Results showing the sexual behaviour of these students, who are largely considered to be minors, is quite disturbing as the proportion of sexually active persons in this population appears to be high. There is need for suitable interventions to curb this.	Thank you. It is really quite disturbing. We hope to share our findings with the State ministry of Health and other key stakeholders once this article is published and subsequently join hands to design an appropriate intervention to curb this.

PART 2:

	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p> <p>HIV testing generally raises some ethical concerns. Was institutionalized ethical approval (such as approval from an IRB) obtained for this study? If yes, this should be clearly stated in the text.</p>	Yes, This has been clearly stated in the manuscript.