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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                            | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Author's comment</b> (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>REVIEWER' S COMMENTS</p> <p><b>Abstract</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aim - UPTH should be written in full</li> <li>2. Punctuation—put full stop at the end of the statements in study design and duration of study.</li> <li>3. Result—Last sentence. -----Pregnant what? Should be pregnant women.</li> <li>4. Conclusion. This is not novel! First sentence should be modified to read: 'Majority of our pregnant women register for antenatal care late in pregnancy mainly due to poverty'.</li> </ol> <p>Second sentence should be deleted. No recommendation in conclusion.</p> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ist paragraph, second sentence, line 4. Preferable should be prefereably.</li> </ol> | <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Deleted</p> <p>Corrected</p>                                                                                                   |



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|  | 2. 1st paragraph, sixth sentence, i.e. The usual recommendation-----14 weeks should be referenced.                                                                                                                                                       | Corrected |
|  | 3. 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph, third sentence. HIV should be written as human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV).                                                                                                                                              | Corrected |
|  | 4. 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph, fifth sentence should be reframed thus: ‘ Those who do not register for antenatal care or who register late may lose out on these opportunities and consequently may have worse maternal and perinatal pregnancy outcomes’ | Corrected |
|  | 5. 2nd paragraph, sixth sentence add Nigeria after the comma following Rivers state.                                                                                                                                                                     | Corrected |
|  | 6. 2nd paragraph, last sentence should be reframed to read: ‘Hence in UPTH, pregnant women who come for antenatal care are unselected’.                                                                                                                  | Corrected |
|  | 7. Last paragraph. This should be amended as follows: The objectives of this study were to determine the gestational age at which pregnant women book for ANC and the reasons for electing to book at such a time                                        | Corrected |



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|  | <p>with a view to determining the best approaches for health education programmes to correct any misconceptions about ANC.</p> <p>8. There is monotonous use of gestational age and antenatal care. Initially write gestational age (GA) and antenatal care (ANC) and subsequently use GA and ANC within sentences.</p> <p>9. IMPORTANT DEFICIENCY. There is no statement of the problems of this study in the introduction. That is the missing gap in knowledge which this study attempts to fill.</p> <p><b>Materials and Methods</b></p> <p>1. What of the population studied? Simple random sampling technique is not the best for selecting the subjects. It would have been a convenience sampling method as clinic based studies of this nature is difficult to randomize.</p> <p>2. The authors should explain how they determined the sample size. Was the sample size a representation of the</p> | <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> |
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|  | <p>population studied?</p> <p>3. Third sentence. i.e., 'Only those---- in the study' should be reframed for clarity.</p> <p>4. Who administered the questionnaire? This should be well documented.</p> <p><b>Results</b></p> <p>1. 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence. The mean age----- 61 years. Is it 6.1 years. Check well!</p> <p>2. 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. 5<sup>th</sup> sentence should be reframed for clarity.</p> <p>3. 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph. 1st sentence should be edited for correctness</p> <p>4. The authors should explain how they determined the accuracy of the distance in km from where the respondents came from.</p> <p>5. 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should be edited for correctness.</p> <p>6. 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence' At the end of this sentence quote the p value e.g. (p &lt; 0.05).</p> | <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> |
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|                                         | <p><b>Limitations</b><br/>This was not provided and is very important.</p> <p><b>Conclusion</b><br/>This is not novel and should be separated from the recommendations</p> <p><b>Recommendations.</b> This should be explicit.</p> <p><b>Acknowledgements.</b> Provide this information.</p> <p><b>References.</b> Add p or pp before the page numbers in text book references as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Table.</b> Table 1. Is age in years or in Months?</p> <p><b>Figure 1.</b> The title should come below the figure. The figure is not well labelled.</p> | <p>Corrected</p> <p>Not required by journal</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Corrected</p> |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                    |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments | <p>This manuscript requires serious major revision as detailed above and at present no new information was added.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                    |