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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>                                            |
| Manuscript Number:       | 2014_IJTDH_15468                                                                                                  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Awareness and Status of Tetanus Toxoid Immunization among Female Undergraduate Students in a Nigerian University. |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article                                                                                         |

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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>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <p>ABSTRACT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Study design: delete school based and replace with 'descriptive'.</li> <li>2. Methods: A. Recast the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence.<br/>B. Authors appeared not to understand the contextual difference between immunization and vaccination. These abound in the manuscript.</li> <li>3. INTRODUCTION: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. LINE 21:- Delete 'preventive' before vaccine.</li> <li>B. It is strange that authors made references to works done elsewhere in the country where current study was reported with mentioning anything on several studies in tetanus generally done in Port Harcourt and elsewhere in Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. MATERIALS AND METHODS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Recast lines 68 – 69.</li> <li>B. Sampling technique used appeared to show some element of bias in the final selection. This must be harmonized as it will ultimately affect the results.</li> <li>C. Minimum sample size was 529 but in practice a different thing was done. Reconcile.</li> <li>D. Include a copy of the study questionnaire.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <p>School based has been deleted and replaced with descriptive. First sentence in methodology has been recasted and vaccination substituted for immunization.</p> <p>Preventive has been deleted and studies done in Port Harcourt and other States in Southern Nigeria have been added.</p> <p>4</p> <p>B. The proper sampling technique has been indicated.</p> |



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|  | <p>E. Study instrument was not validated prior to the onset of the study.</p> <p>F. Pre-test: Results not explained.</p> <p>G. Provide a statement on the method of the statistical analysis.</p> <p>H. Who administered the questionnaire.</p> <p>I. How long did the study last.</p> <p>5. RESULTS"</p> <p>A. Tables 1 and 2: Consider changing the words – correct or wrong with “Yes/No”.</p> <p>B. Table 4: Recast title – relationship between receiving complete dose of TT and its determinants.</p> <p>C. Some Tables needed to be merged.</p> <p>6. DISCUSSION:</p> <p>A. REF. 13 should be properly positioned.</p> <p>B. Recast the statement in lines 183 – 186.</p> <p>C. DISCUSSION GENERALLY NEEDS TO BE TIGHTENED UP.</p> <p>D. Efforts should be made to include relevant literature in the subject including its burden with regards to neonatal mortality.</p> <p>E. You were silent on authors’ contributions. Those who made some contributions to the final production but not significant enough to merit authorship should be</p> | <p>C. The correct minimum sample size has been indicated.</p> <p>E &amp; F. Details added: The questionnaire was designed by the researchers and it was reviewed by a panel of specialist Paediatric consultants to ascertain the face validity. After pre – testing, ambiguous questions were removed or modified.</p> <p>G. Methods added in the data analysis section.</p> <p>H. Self – administered.</p> <p>I. One month. Detail added.</p> <p>5. A. Change effected.</p> <p>B. Change effected.</p> <p>C. Other reviewer suggested adding another table for some logistic regression analysis.</p> |
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| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments |               |  |