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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a> |
| Manuscript Number:       | <b>Ms_IJTDH_26995</b>                                                  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>CAN MALARIA INTERFERE WITH THE DIAGNOSIS OF HIV INFECTION?</b>      |
| Type of the Article      | <b>Case study</b>                                                      |

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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)                                                                                                                  |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | HIV I & II Determine™. The sequential HIV testing algorithm using rapid and simple tests showed an initial sensitivity of 100% and specificity of 99.9%. However this varies from different populations around the world. This sensitivity is expected to vary, therefore there is insignificant to report on this finding in a case study involving one patient. There is potential, batch effects arising from the kits used in the screening of the patient | The authors want to thank the reviewer for his observation. Despite this, the authors are of the opinion that this case report is still important especially considering that both HIV and Malaria are endemic in Nigeria and other parts of sub-Saharan Africa as highlighted in lines 13-16. |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |