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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
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Title of the Manuscript:	Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders: A Case of Office-Based Civil Servants in Rivers State, Nigeria
Type of Article:	Original Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The article missing novelty (low value), clear objectives, more profound discussion and perspectives. Not all parts of article meets icmje guidelines (http://www.icmje.org/icmje-recommendations.pdf), Consort (author mentions random distribution of questionnaires). Introduction (and discussion) missing WHO (or HSE, OSHA, CDC (NIOSH) etc) information on occupational health, findings of other researches on WMSDs and ergonomics. Results in some tables and figures repeat same information. Some layout, grammar, reference list system errors; insignificant key words (lykert model, kendall statistic, practice).	1) We appreciate the comments of the Reviewer which is to enhance the quality of the manuscript. However, his comments are rather too general than specific. See sub-section 2.3.4, the issue of random distribution of the questionnaire was highlighted and discussed. 2) CDC (NIOSH) information on occupational health finding from other research has been referenced in the discussion (see Sub-section 3.2.3) and highlighted in yellow. 3) On the findings of other researchers on musculoskeletal disorder, see Sub-section 3.2.3, a total of 7No. text references are made (Ref. No1,4, 12,13,14,15,& 16). 4) Concerning the results in tables and figures, we tried to avoid duplication/repetition. In Tables 2,3 & 4 we highlighted the details of the 23No. questions as well as the respondents frequencies. This is to enable the calculation of Kendall's w-statistic. From the frequency table it is easy to see any gaps in level of awareness and / or practice. However, plots of the frequency distribution converted to percentage were featured for quick overview for respondents frequency distribution in Figures 2 – 5. 5) System error (s) in list of references and grammatical error have all been effected (see corrections in yellow). 6) See updated version of the key words highlighted in yellow.