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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
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PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
General comments The quality of the manuscript improved from the previous version. However, in my opinion, several issues should be addressed. <u>Material and methods</u> I suggest to change the title: "Methods and Study Design" <u>Results</u> Table 1: are the differences statistically significant? Data reported in Table2 are the same shown in figures 1 and 2. I suggest to delete table 2. Please provide statistical analysis. <u>Discussion</u> The discussion is very long. I suggest to focus the discussion on the possible clinical use of the differences observed between Dengue and Malaria in the clinical, biochemical and hematological course. The comparison with other studies is not relevant. I suggest to reduce the length of the text and to delete Tables 8 and 9. <u>Specific comments</u> Platelet count less than 150,000/mcl (not 1,50,000/mcl)	Changes done as suggested. There is no statically significant difference in table 1 Table 2 deleted as suggested. Changes done as suggested. Tables 8 and 9 removed. Changes done as suggested.