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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Educational placement (private/public), social economic status and the level/type of hearing loss can influence academic achievement... the final exam test score. Why did you not consider these variables as influencing test performance and not just hearing loss? (pp.8 line 193-198) The results on test performance requires the researcher to control several variables before concluding a strong association between hearing and school performance.(pp19, 362-363)	Thank you for this remark, other variables will be considered in our future research. Exploring other variables may be outside the scope of our work.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Typographical error pp5 line 121(Appendix1 and ii) pp6 line 148 Pg.5 lines 118-121 indicates data collected (Appendix i and ii). I suggest before making reference to the appendices can you inform the reader that a background questionnaire was used to collect the data and that the data was drawn from individual children's medical reports. What does social class I, II, III.... Represent?	Typographical errors corrected Social class: A status hierarchy in which individuals and groups are classified on the basis of esteem and prestige acquired mainly through economic success and accumulation of wealth. Social class may also refer to any particular level in such a hierarchy. Social classes recognized in many societies are: (1) Upper class, (2) Middle class, (3) Working class, (4) Lower middle class, (5) lower class
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The study is well designed to examine the prevalence of hearing loss in Port Harcourt region. The school performance will need more information and statistical analyses to eliminate the extraneous variables.	No doubt there are other extraneous variables that can affect the school performance. However, only one of them was considered in this work as it relates to hearing impairment which was found to affect school performance. Others may be considered in future research.