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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
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Title of the Manuscript:	A CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF HEARING IMPAIRMENT AMONG PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN PORT HARCOURT, NIGERIA.
Type of the Article:	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Dear Sir I am deeply sorry because I was not clear about my suggestions. This research work is really good and probably will accentuate the importance of early diagnosis of hearing impairment. However, the way it is written is the difference between to be read or forgotten. There is too much information between tables and figures, for example the table 2 is unnecessary because the information is already present in table 6; the table 8 would be much enlightening as a graphic. And I still think it is important to inform in the manuscript about the aspects of the prolonged exposure to loud noise. That's why I am asking for other revision.	Thanks for your constructive criticisms; you have contributed a great deal to making this paper a good one. We appreciate your input a lot. Table 2 has been expunged Table 8 is now table 7. We appreciate your recommendation of it being in graphic form for the purpose of making it more enlightening. However, we believe the information the table conveys is appropriate and can be acceptable in the form it is if you don't mind. Thank you for stressing the importance of prolonged exposure to loud noise. We included some aspect of it in the text. From 271-283 we highlighted the importance of loud noise /prolonged exposure to noise as it relates to hearing loss. Unfortunately, we did not go specifically to look for it as a risk factor because the research tool questionnaire did not capture it. Hence its absence in table 7. However, a research can be design to address it specifically in the near future. This will add to our limitation of the study. No doubt the importance of prolonged exposure to loud noise cannot be over emphasized when discussing risk factors of hearing loss in the environment. We learn every day and we have learnt so much from you thank you for making our knowledge better.