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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	It is an interesting article but a few remarks/corrections. 1. The main purpose of the study was to investigate the factors associated with Yaws infection but not the factors associated with resurgence, since the authors do not compare their results with previous outbreaks. Please correct line 167 in discussion and 252 in conclusion. 2. The biggest flaw/limitation in the study design is the case definition of Yaws, since clinical diagnosis, with such a small time of training, is not accurate for the broad differential diagnosis of macules/nodules in darker phototypes. A rapid treponemal test would have helped to a more solid case definition but it might have been unavailable to the investigators. The authors should add these remarks to the study limitations	1. Line 267 in discussion which is now line 238, the sentence has been corrected to read It stands to reason that once there is a pool of people with yaws infection, the risk factors for transmission could play a major role for infection of cases. 2. In line 254, resurgence of was deleted from the sentence. 3. In line 242, thirdly, the training period was short for the diagnosis of macules/nodules in darker phototypes has been added as a third limitation.
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments		