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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
1) Feedback on comment "4": why were the TTIs not screened for before bleeding the donor? This practice led to unnecessary wastage of the donor's blood later found to contain the TTIs. Is this the SOP in Uganda? 2) Author should provide the REC Number for this study. 3) Table 1: change age grouping to 10-year format as follows: 17-26; 27-36; 37-46; 47&above. Then re-analyse the data.	1. Screening for TTIs in Uganda are centrally run in the Regional Blood Bank laboratories using one of the most sensitive system for screening of TTIs (the Architect i 2000 system) which is too cumbersome to transport to the field. But donors undergo thorough pre-donation screening after consent that eliminate all blood donors who are at high risk of having TTIs. This is the SOP in Uganda and besides it is better to discard the infected blood units than to risk recipient's life by giving them blood that have been screened using RDTs, that are known to have low sensitivity compared to the chemiluminescent microparticle immunoassay used for screening for the TTIs in the blood banks. 2. The REC number for this study is 01/08-14 3. Table 1: The age grouping in Table 1 and the rest was a topographic errors and were corrected to a 10 year interval accordingly.