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Journal Name:	<u>International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health</u>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_31655
Title of the Manuscript:	Bacterial contamination of the hospital environment- the experience of an infection control team in a tertiary hospital in Niger Delta Region of Nigeria
Type of the Article	

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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	There is significant duplication of the results in both text and in the tables/figure. I would suggest removing tables 2 and 3, and figure 1. This information is presented in the text or in other tables. If the tables and figure are kept in the manuscript, then do not replicate the results in the text. Please discuss what was highlighted in the institutional infection control and prevention manual. Although you made recommendations, you also indicate the limited resources and supply of water. Therefore, how will the guidelines be sustained? Was there any measure of hospital acquired infections with the commonly isolated environmental pathogens at this institution? Line 76-78. It is mentioned that wards and units were selected because they are known for admitting patients susceptible to HAI from the contaminated environment. How is it known that these patients are acquiring infections from the environment and not from some other form of transmission? There is no reference provided and no explanation of how this is known. Please elaborate on this.	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Introduction - Reference needed on line 28 - Switch between hospital-acquired and healthcare associated. These can have different meanings across different settings, studies. Therefore, pick one and be consistent throughout. - Check spelling of organism names. Materials and Methods	



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	- Spell out numbers less than 10 - Check that acronyms are defined at their first use – they do not need to be defined again. Discussion - Careful in capitalizing letters of certain words in some places but not others. - Italicize organism names	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

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