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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>                                                              |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_IJTDH_35512                                                                                                                      |
| Title of the Manuscript: | AWARENESS AND PRACTICE OF PAP SMEAR AMONG FEMALE HOSPITAL WORKERS IN ABIA STATE UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL ABA SOUTH EAST NIGERIA |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research 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)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an interesting study that provides evidence of the challenges Africa faces in terms of cervical cancer.</li> <li>The English language seems to be a major challenge. The manuscript needs to be language edited by a professional English language editor to ensure that the correct terms are used them and manuscript is written in a scientifically sound manner.</li> <li>The background should be rewritten in total. Some of the references are very old – for instance cervical cancer is not the second most common cancer in women any longer – it is the fourth most common cancer (see the latest GLOBOCAN statistics)</li> <li>I suggest that you follow an inductive approach when writing the background – first talk about the incidence of cervical cancer in the world, then in Africa and then Nigeria. Then talk about screening – what is available and what is available in Nigeria.</li> <li>It is true that most women present with late cervical cancer but there are many newer publications saying this. 1989 is really too old.</li> <li>The population should be included under the heading methodology.</li> <li>You also need to say how you sampled – you said simple random, but how was it done? How many women were recruited and how many participated? How were they recruited?</li> <li>Where did the questionnaire come from? Was is self developed or was adapted from another questionnaire? If it was self-developed, was it based on expert opinion and literature? Who were the experts? Was the questionnaire pretested?</li> <li>How did you enhance validity and reliability?</li> <li>You need to include when the data were collected and how you managed it.</li> <li>You have to give the exact number of questionnaires that were distributed – approximately is not scientific. In addition, this is not results be still part of the data collection, which should be under the methodology.</li> <li>The results should be summarized and not repeated using words with the same results in the tables.</li> <li>Table 2 refers: The age of Pap smear – the reader does not know at what age Pap smears are done in Nigeria. That you are why you should describe it in the background.</li> </ul> | <p>English edited</p> <p>Background rewritten</p> <p>Line 34-36</p> <p>Line36-45<br/>Line 61-65</p> <p>Line 74- 78</p> <p>Population has been included; line 70</p> <p>Proportionate according to cadre; line 77</p> <p>160 women; line 97<br/>Developed by authors from literature; lines 80,226-234</p> <p>It was pretested; line 82</p> <p>Date included in line 83</p> <p>Included in line 97</p> <p>Corrected</p> <p>Described line 66-70</p> |



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|                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace Figure 1 with a table.</li> <li>• The discussion should not give results – identify the most important results and only discuss those. As previously mentioned, there are various studies conducted in Africa on the very same topic.</li> <li>• The conclusion should be rewritten as it does not conclude the study. The recommendations cannot be broad – it can only arise from the findings. Therefore, the subsidized rates are not applicable as the study does not include anything about cost.</li> <li>• The reference list should be revisited and corrected.</li> </ul> | <p>Line 167 figure 1 changed to Table 3b</p> <p>Added line 191</p> <p>Line 237- 242<br/>References- adjusted</p> |
| <b><u>Line 167</u></b>                  | No Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Corrections for comments other reviewers are embedded into this page                                             |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                  |