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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	1. The abstract needs to be rewritten, there is a format in which it is written and I believe the journal outlet is not an exception. 2. When the author(s) says government?? I want to believe they mean government health care or government owned hospital, the use of government should be stated in full 3. On what basis were the 4 selected medical facilities chosen? Please discuss it in details 4. The authors indicated the use of a questionnaire and interview. The description was quite confusing. I will advise that there is a proper understanding of this instruments before stating their engagement in the work. 5. please state what led to the unequal distribution of the questionnaire across the specified location 5. What brought about the deduction that education is the most vital means of eradicating Ebola? Plagiarism Issue: Not really but it can be reworked to the accepted percentage. Please see the attached results of 24 %	1. We followed the journal format in writing the initial abstract, however, we have re-written it as you suggested. We hope it meets the expected requirement this time. Thank you. 2. Yes, government in this study was used to indicate government owned hospitals. We have written this in full as you suggested. 3. The four hospitals were selected on the basis of availability of Ebola management protocols and protocols for surveillance monitoring, PPE availability, and adequately trained staffs to manage Ebola cases 4. Only a questionnaire was used during this study. No interview was conducted. 5. The questionnaires were equally distributed across the study locations as eight hospitals (4 from each sector) were selected from each participating municipal within the Greater Accra region and questionnaires administered to each of them. 6. We meant to say education is an important means of eradicating Ebola as has been reported by other studies.
Minor REVISION comments	The figure 1 was not cited. Where does it originate from? Please cite the statement to reflect the government contribution in curtailing the Ebola virus Also the Airport provisions and other details should be well cited. Where , citation is not possible, possible use of a picture to reflect such should be used.	Figure one has been cited now Airport provisions have been cited
Optional/General comments	The concept is good and more buttress should made on the role of education being a tool of awareness creation.	Thank you.