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Compulsory REVISION comments	Line 34: the year 2000, this was generally... Should read "...the year 2000that was generally referred to..." Line 39: fertility in the country, inspite of this, the... Should read " fertility in the country.[4] Inspite of this..." Line 52: public health systems. [1] Fertilityin rural areas... Should read " public health systems.[1] Fertility in rural..." Line 53: economic factors. [1] In general... Should read " economic factors.[1] In general..." Line 68: all the women who had at least four living children and had wanted... Should read " all the women had at least four living children and had wanted..." Remove the word "who" Line 74-75: Line 74-In a study.....line 75-in a rural community of north west Nigeria, **they** found a very low... Should read " Line 74-A study (remove the word in) ....line 75-.in a rural community of north west Nigeria found a very low.. (remove the word they)." Line 90: The statement is divided into four health zones.....This sentence is repeated. I suggest you delete. Line 93: 218 women of childbearing age who are.... replace "are' with "were' Line 98: Section C contain questions... replace "contain" with "contained" Line 105: 3.RESULTS Remove digit 3 placed before the title "RESULTS" Line 109: All the respondents (207) are muslims.... Replace "are' with "were" Line 111: their husbands alone decides... replace "decides" with " decided" Line 116: 73(25.35%) (fig 3). Remove the color highlights and complete the word "figure". In addition, the word "only ten (4.9%)" should be revised to read "only 10 (4.9%)... Line 120: Revise to read " The results (Table 5) showed..... Line 128: replace 'are' with "were" Line 145: I suggest you revise the word "subject" with " the study showed a high level of awareness of contraception (87.4%) which is similar to 85 % observed in the NDHS (2013).[5] In addition, I suggest you remove the word subjects from the paper and replace with the word "study" or where appropriate " respondents" Line 150: Study by Avideme and colleagues [1] This ... Complete the sentence before starting another one. In addition the reference page does not have the authors Avideme and colleagues. At this stage of writing you can use Avideme et al. (2010)[1].	

	Line 156: 5.5 % [5] although should read "5.5 %.[5] Although" Line 160: planning[16] And in...Revise to read " planning.[16] In developing countries..." Line 167: Replace "with your spouse" to read "the spouse" Line 195: remove the color highlight on title "figure 3" Line 232: Table 7. Remove the red highlights in the table **References** Citations do not seem to conform to the journal requirements. Words in the references page should also be completed. Revise the references after reading the journal's way of citation	
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