Title: Lessons from the implementation of LLIN distribution campaign in Ilorin Kwara State, Nigeria.

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Author's response to reviews: see over
The Editor,  
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Dear Sir,  

Thanks for the review process so far.  

The authors of the manuscript (MS: 6685725871187801) have addressed the comments of the reviewers. Please see the point-by-point response to the concerns raised by the first and second reviewers below.  

**First reviewer: Grace Gbotosho**  

Minor Essential revisions:  

**Query 1.** Page 2- abstract: Under the result section, line 4:  

a. Change spend to spent  

**Response 1a**  

The change has been effected. Please see Page 2- abstract: Under the result section, line 4.  

**Query 1b.** Time 1900-2300 to read 19.00 -23.00hr  

**Response 1b**  

Time 1900-2300 has been changed to 19.00 -23.00hr. Please see the following sections: 

Page 2- abstract: Under the result section, line 4.  

Page 9- Result: Under the heading: Sleeping habit, net care practices and malaria episodes among LLIN users, line 2.  

**Query 2.** Page: sixth line from bottom; grammar needs to be changed  

a. .....before entering to sleep under such nets to read ....before sleeping under the nets  

**Response 2a**  

Grammar has been changed, Please see Page 4: sixth line from bottom.  

3. Page 5 materials and method:
Query 3a. What is the population size in each of the 3 local government areas or Ilorin city as a whole since authors considered all 3 local government that make up the city as one block. This information needs to be included in the study area section.

Response 3a
The population size in Ilorin has been stated. Please see page 5 under the study area section, line 3

Query 3b. How did the authors determine the sample size used in the study. The sample size calculation needs to be included under the study design. Was your sample size representative of the population that was studied?

Response 3b
Sample size calculation has been included under the study design and data collection section. Please see Page 5, line 3-5 under the study design and data collection

Query 4. Page 7-10 (Results), page 11 – discussion
Authors should consider using either the proportion (213/250) or percentage (85%) rather than using both (213 (85%) out of 250...) in description of the results as seen on pages 7-10. This is also seen on page 11 of the discussion. It makes reading cumbersome.

Response 4
The contents of page 7-10 and page 11 have been restructured to read number or percentage. Please see page 7-10 and page 11.

Query 5. Figure 1: provides useful insight on the nature of discomfort experienced by LLIN users with majority complaining of chemical poisoning amongst other discomforts. The authors need to include the implications of this findings in their discussion which at present is missing from the discussion.

Response 5
Implications of the findings relating to nature of discomfort experienced by the LLIN users have been included in the discussion. Please see page 11 line 15-18

Query 6. Page 20-21 – Tables 2 and 3
The titles of these tables need to be better constructed and more explicit.

Response 6
Titles of tables 2 and 3 have been reconstructed. Please see page 21-22
Query 7.
The limitations of the work need to be included

Response 7.
The limitations of the work have been included. Please see page 13, line 14-16.

Second reviewer: Dora Olufunmilola AKINBOYE
Reviewer's report:
Minor Essential Revisions:

Query 1. The title specified a state, (Kwara state), whereas the write up specified a town, (Ilorin). North Central Nigeria was also used synonymously; this does not seem to be appropriate. It is recommended that Ilorin in Kwara State, should be uniformly indicated as site of study, as well as in the title.

Response 1
The title of the study has been changed. Please see page 1

Query 2. Hours of the day/night should be properly stated, with hours (hr) clearly indicated all through. Some were okay but others were not.

Response 2
1900-2300 has been changed to 19.00 -23.00hr. Please see the following sections:
Page 2- abstract: Under the result section, line 4.
Page 9- Result: Under the heading: Sleeping habit, net care practices and malaria episodes among LLIN users, line 2.

Query 3. Scientific terminologies should be used all through, not every day, common terminologies. As an example, "for one reason of another" should be deleted from all the places where this was written.

Response 3
Common terminologies such as “for one reason or another” have been deleted.

Please see page 8, under the heading: Household LLIN utilization, line 4.
Query 4. In some places, it was written that the respondents "said", instead of "indicated".

Response 4
Change has been effected. Please see the following as examples:

Page 8, under the heading: Household LLIN utilization, line 5

Page 8, under the heading: Net care practices and sleeping habits among all respondents, line 4 and 6.

Query 5. It should be noted that written, signed or thumb printed informed consent is preferable to oral, (for future investigations/researches).

Response 5
Noted for future investigations

Query 6. Some of the data/tables should be represented with bar charts, pile charts, graphs, etc, to avoid the monotony of too many tables.

Response 6
The tables clearly present the results obtained. The authors are comfortable with the tables.

Query 7. "Them", "their", etc, should be avoided and deleted during corrections.

Response 7
This has been addressed. Please see the following sections as examples:
Page 7, under the heading: LLIN Knowledge and coverage, line 12
Page 8, under the heading: Household LLIN utilization, line 2 and 4
Page 9, under the heading: Sleeping habit, net care practices and malaria episodes among LLIN users, line 1

Query 8 Grammatical errors should be corrected.
The whole manuscript has been reviewed and corrected.

Query 9 Tenses need to be corrected; past-tense should be used all through.
Tenses have been checked and corrected. Please see the following sections as examples:

Page 2- abstract: Under the result section, line 4

Page 10- Discussion: line 12
Page 11- line 2 and 3

**Query 10.** In reporting results, instead of writing and starting a sentence with "Of the", it should be written as, "out of the". This occurred several times and should be corrected.

**Response 10**
"Of the" has been changed to read "out of the". Please see these sections:

Page 7 seventh line from bottom

Page 8 under the heading Household LLIN utilization, line 1 and 3

Page 8 last line from bottom

**Query 11** Punctuation should be improved.

The whole manuscript has been reviewed and corrected.

**Query 12.** The last sentence under "conclusion" should be labelled, "recommendation". it should not be listed under conclusion.

**Response 12**
Authors would not want to label the last sentence under conclusion as recommended since this does not conform to BMC Public Health’s format of preparing manuscripts.

**Query 13.** Correction should be made where it was written that chi square indicated the level of significance: this is not right.

**Response 13**
This has been corrected. Please see page 7, last line from bottom

**Query 14.** In many places, it was written that "p>0.05" or "p<0.05" : where this was referring to t, indicating level of significance or non significance, it should be written (as an example) that, "df= 3, t= 0.85,p>0.05". It should be written like that in all instances. However, note that where there is no significance, the information should not be included. The same thing should be applied to Chi square.

**Response 14**
Instead of \((P<0.05)\) or \((P>0.05)\), the actual values of \(P\) have been stated in all cases since the benchmark for significance \((P<0.05)\) already exist in the methodology section. Please see these sections as examples:

Page 7: under the heading: LLIN knowledge and coverage, line 5 and 10

Page 8: under the heading: Household LLIN utilization, line 8 and 9

Page 8: under the heading: Net care practices and sleeping habits among all respondents, line 5

Page 9: fourth line from bottom

**Query15.** Specify what you mean in all instances, don't write that something "proved otherwise"

**Response 15**

The specific information has been given. Please see page 7 last line from bottom