Author’s response to reviews

Title: Survey of the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Nigerian Surgery Trainees to HIV-infected persons and AIDS patients

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1. The paper has been reduced from 27 pages to 15.
2. Data already presented in the tables were no longer also presented in the text.
3. Line numbers have been removed.
4. Results have been compared to that of other national studies.
5. Information about HIV prevalence in Nigeria has been provided.
6. The method of questionnaire development has been described.
7. It has been indicated that both closed and open ended questions were used.
8. The general population of Nigerian surgery trainees has been provided and an indication given of how they were contacted.
9. The first chapter of the discussion section has been removed.
10. The discussion section has been revised and clear conclusions have been drawn.
11. It has been clearly stated that the study targeted surgery trainees.
12. The possible bias caused by the low response rate has been addressed.
13. It has been indicated that there is no comparable similar national study.
14. It has been indicated that consent was assumed by the voluntary return of questionnaire.
15. The percentage of hospitals with guidelines for surgeon-patient relationship within the context of HIV infection has been indicated in the results section.