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**REVIEWER'S COMMENTS**

1. **TITLE**
   

2. **ABSTRACT:**
   
   Conclusion; Line 1: Replace “Highly educated....” with “Women with tertiary education....” otherwise define what constitute “highly educated”.

3. **METHOD S:**
   
   i). Line 2:
   
   “…Abuja (Northern Nigeria), Lagos (Southwest, Nigeria) and Port Harcourt (Southeast, Nigeria)…”

   Use current geographical/geopolitical description. Abuja and Port Harcourt are no longer in the North or South east, respectively”.

   ii). Ethical Consideration: It would have been appropriate to have ethical approval from the IRBs of the three participating institutions. Was there any reason why this was not done or why the approval was obtained from only the “lead/coordinating” institution?

   iii). Last Line: Statistical analysis: “IBM SPSS Statistics for Windows, Version 20.0 (Armonk, NY: IBM Corp) was used for all statistical analyses.”

   But you said in paragraph 1: last sentence; “... This was computed in Epi-Info 7.0 (CDC, Atlanta, USA) based on the total ....”

   Therefore add “except for sample size calculation, IBM SPSS Statistics for Windows, Version 20.0 (Armonk, NY: IBM Corp) was used for all statistical analyses.”

4. **RESULTS:**

   Paragraph 1; Last sentence: Majority of respondents were 20-35 years of age,”
married, had 2 or more children, belonged to one of the three major tribes (i.e. Hausa, Ibo and Yoruba),….”

If the appropriate geographical description is done (i above), the tribes/ethnicity may also change

DISCUSSION
Satisfactory

CONCLUSION
The authors should define what constitute “highly educated” or use a more appropriate description.

FINAL RECOMMENDATION BY THE REVIEWER
This questionnaire-based study is relevant and provides evidence for more public awareness campaigns and interventions.

Please accept for publication after addressing the issues raised.

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests