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Title: A Comparative analysis of teenagers and older pregnant women in the utilization of prevention of mother to child transmission [PMTCT] services in western Nigeria

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Dear Editor,

Outlined below is the point by point response to the Reviewers’ comments.

Reviewer’s report 1
Title: A Comparative analysis of teenagers and older pregnant women in the utilization of prevention of mother to child transmission [PMTCT] services in western Nigeria
Version: 2 Date: 21 June 2012
Reviewer: Anietie Moses

Reviewer’s report:
All the observations and concerns I pointed out have been addressed. You may wish to consider the article for publication.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
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

Reviewer’s report 2
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Reviewer: Reva Tripathi
Reviewer's report:
My comments are as follows:

1) I am not in agreement with the authors' version of awareness of PMTCT knowledge. They talk about info from patient within first 2 months of pregnancy and 2 months prior to pregnancy whereas in my opinion even if this occurs within first 2 trimesters it gives adequate opportunity to give them info and expect them to use adequate preventive measures.

THE STUDY IS A CROSS SECTIONAL STUDY ASSESSING INFO FROM PREGNANT WOMEN OF ANY GESTATIONAL AGE PRESENTING FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING A 2 MONTHS STUDY PERIOD. “All consenting pregnant women in their first pregnancy who attended the PHC centres during the 2 months study period for the first time were recruited into the study in order to assess the utilization of PMTCT services before awareness of pregnancy and prior to presentation at ANC. The study sought for information prior to ANC attendance”.

2) They could have compared this initial knowledge with info given later during pregnancy - this may be a time when they are more receptive to it. Awareness levels at the start of pregnancy need not necessarily be determinants of actions done in late pregnancy.

THE STUDY IS DETERMINING PMTCT UTILIZATION IN EARLY OR PRE-PREGNANCY PERIOD PRIOR TO PRESENTATION.

3) This data may only be indicative of situation as it exists in early pregnancy or prepregnancy- but not correlated with pregnancy outcomes.

4) in tables some of the totals still do not add up correctly.

5) Why significance levels are taken at < 0.008 -- general standard is for 0.005.

6) some spellings eg Christian is still spelt wrong.

I would suggest authors modify their manuscript.

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Editorial Comments- Sections on Competing intrest, Authours’ contribution , Acknowledgement and Conclusion have been included.

Thank you Sir

Yours sincerely

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