Author's response to reviews

Title: fish bone foreign body presenting with acute fulminating retropharyngeal abscess in a resource challenged center: case report

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Dear Editor,

COVERING LETTER FOR THE ARTICLE TITLED "SURVEY ON OTOTOPICALS SELF MEDICATION AMONG PATIENTS IN A NIGERIAN HOSPITAL."

Thank you for the comments and observation made on the above titled manuscript sir it is really appreciated. The authors have gone through the comments of both the reviewer and the associate editor and have made the correction as instructed.

The flow chart requested has been added to the manuscript file sir and these shows the total number of patients seen in the hospital over the six weeks period, the number of patients with otological problem, the number of patient that refused to participate, the number of patients that satisfy the inclusion criteria, the number of patient who satisfy the inclusion criteria but refused to participate in the study, and the number of patients who positively answered the questionnaire.

The repetition of the results in words already corrected.

The inclusion and exclusion criteria already added to the manuscript.

On the comment on self prescription and self medication, about 60% were “self prescribed” (line 51-54) the other prescription by the nurses were not from ENT trained nurses and was not done within the hospital so also is that from the chemist thus all are assumed to be an abuse.

The grammatical and spelling problems have been checked and corrected sir.
Thank you once again for your patience and understanding.

Yours Faithfully,

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