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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p><b>Methods:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In general, the methodology part lacks clarity. See below specific comments and track changes in the reviewed manuscript.</li> <li>- A descriptive cross-sectional design Is it facility based, or population based (household) survey? You should describe this.</li> <li>- The population of the study consisted of all adult males aged 18 years and above Are you saying that male are your study participants? This should be clear.</li> <li>- You said: "A sample size of four hundred and forty was determined using the Yaro Yamane formula for a finite population." What are the parameters? Prevalence? Confidence interval?</li> <li>- The sampling strategy is not clearly described. How and how many study participants did you allocate sample for the three areas? How did you select the respondents? If simple random or systematic sampling, you should tell us about the sampling frame.</li> <li>- What is electoral ward? How many population are included within electoral ward? Is this something related with strata? All these issues should be described to your readers.</li> <li>- You mentioned "administered the instrument". Is it self-administered or interviewer administered face to face interview? Clearly describe this.</li> <li>- How did you manage the data (data cleaning, data entry)? This should be described. What measures did you take to ensure data quality? This should be described.</li> <li>- Ethical considerations? Please describe ethical issues like confidentiality, anonymity, voluntary participation, and any other ethical considerations you applied.</li> </ul> <p><b>Results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who are your respondents? Male or female? It is confusing. You mentioned male as a study population in your method. But the variables in Table 1 seem about female respondent.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b> the discussion lacks description of implications or consequences. Example: you mentioned "only 50% of male were involved in family planning", but you didn't describe how this will affect contraceptive use? You should describe the implications to the spouse (users), the health care delivery, and the national health policy or goals in terms of achieving its goals for family planning program/service.</p>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Should be summarized, and modified to ensure coherence (i.e. it should flow from general to specific). For instance, the first two paragraphs can be merged and summarized in few sentences.</li> <li>- Lack of citation throughout the introduction section. Please put references for each sentence you took from other literatures or sources.</li> <li>- Nigeria's contraceptive prevalence rate was 17% (National Population Commission, 2018). Please use recent figures, 2018 is somehow outdated.</li> </ul> <p><b>Results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use appropriate table title.</li> <li>- Narrations should come before table</li> </ul>	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<p>References: Most of them are outdated. Example:  <b>Green, P.C. and Chens, J. (2003). Male Involvement in Reproductive Health. CPD UNFPA. Paper 27. Report available at :http://www.cpd.org.bd/pub_attach/unfpa27.pdf.</b>  <b>Haile, A., and Enqueselassie, F.(2006). Influence of women's autonomy on couples contraception use in Jimma town, Ethiopia. Ethiopian Journal of Health and Development, 20(3):145-151.</b>  <b>Islam, M.A (2008). Male involvement in reproductive health in Bangladesh: A multilevel analysis. VDM. Germany.</b>  <b>Mistik, S., Nacar, M., Mazicioglu, M., and Cetinkaya, F. (2003). Married men's opinions and involment regarding family</b></p>	

**Comment [BT1]:** Is it facility based or population based (household) survey? You should describe this.

**Comment [BT2]:** Are you saying that male are your study participants? This should be clear.

**Comment [BT3]:** What are the parameters? Prevalence? Confidence interval? Better to describe these.

**Comment [BT4]:** Is it self administered or interviewer administered face to face interview? Clearly describe this.

**Comment [BT5]:** Please use recent figures, 2018 is somehow outdated.

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**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>  I can't comment on this because ethical issues are not described in the manuscript. The authors should add this in the manuscript (see my comments above).	

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