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Journal Name:	<b>Asian Research Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_ARJGO_108586</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Bacterial Vaginosis Prevalence and its associated risk factors among women at Kiambu level-5 Hospital, Kenya</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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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)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</b></p>	<p>The manuscript is fit for the journal and has some level of technical strength.</p> <p>A little modification is needed for the title – <b>Bacterial vaginosis prevalence and associated risk factors among women attending Kiambu Level-5 Hospital in Kenya</b></p> <p>The study design should be joined to methodology. See comments on abstract.</p> <p>See comments below</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>References are not sufficient</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></li> </ol>	<p>There are typos. The paper needs a revision of English language.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p><b>ABSTRACT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Background:</b> Objective should be added to background.</li> <li>ii. <b>Methods:</b> Add study design to methods.</li> <li>iii. <b>Results:</b> Use of decimal points should be the same in both the abstract and result section. Example 23.0%. *Line 1: ..... while 150 (77.0%) were negative. Delete “by the Gram stain method”. This method has been stated in the “methods section” *Line 2: Sentences should begin with words not figures and the percentage should be in bracket – Twenty three (....%). Pus cells indicates that there is an infection, it is not a pathogen. Therefore, the 21 pus cells should be deleted. *Line 3: Confidence interval is not written in the format stated here. The p-value should be in bracket after BV (P = 0.03).</li> <li>iv. <b>Conclusion:</b> The authors repeated the results. Conclusion should be made based on your findings. It can also include need for further research.</li> <li>v. <b>Key words:</b> Modify the key words by closely examining your topic and research question.</li> </ol> <p><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vi. There are too many typos</li> <li>vii. Paragraph 1: Line 4, 6, 21; pH should be written properly. *Reframe line 11 to 14. *Line 11: Mutuku et al (7) started with Muia in the reference. Correct appropriately. Also, H.I.V should be HIV. *Line 17: itching NOT itchiness</li> </ol>	

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	<p>viii. Paragraph 2: line 2- using the Amsel NOT through the Amsel          *Line 5,7 etc : <b>G</b>ram NOT gram. Correct all.          *Line 6: Names of organisms should start with capital letter.</p> <p><b>MATERIALS AND METHODS</b></p> <p>ix. The inclusion and exclusion criteria should not have separate headings. They should be added to study design. The author should state the use of questionnaire under study design.          *Write the full meaning of CCC.          *Under exclusion criteria, the phrase “as well as those who declined to give a signed consent” should be deleted.          *Delete “Laboratory methods”          *Reframe “Collection of high vaginal swabs” to Collection and processing of high vaginal swabs          *Under collection of high vaginal swabs, line 3, state the temperature.          *How did you determine the presence of gonococci?          *The subtitle “Quality control” should be deleted, the contents should be joined to “collection and processing of high vaginal swab” section.</p> <p>x. <b>Data collection, analysis and presentation:</b> Rewrite as data collection and analysis.          *Line 1 – “A questionnaire with both ..... of the participants” should be taken to study design section.          *Line 2: The phrase “This data together with the obtained results” should be rephrased.</p> <p>xi. <b>Results:</b>          *Title of the 2 tables should be modified.          *In table 2, Delete total number(%), positive number(%), negative number(%) that is written on the <b>same line</b> with education and family planning.          *Line 4,5,6: delete “n=”.          *Line 5, is it 21.7 or 21.8 (see Table 1).          *Line 6, p=0.03 not .03; REPLACE incidence with prevalence          *Line 8, Figure 1 not Pie chart 1          *Line 9 &amp; 10: Reframe. .... and lowest among the widowed (2.2%) NOT and lowest among the widowed and divorced at 2.2% and 4.3% respectively.          *Pus cells indicates that there is an infection, it is not a pathogen. Therefore, pus cells, 21/196 (46.6%) should be deleted.          *In the pie chart diagram, Figure 1 NOT Pie chart 1          *Modify table 3. Delete pus cells, 21, 46.6%</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>xii. Table 4 and 5 should come before discussion.          xiii. Delete Paragraph 1 in discussion; it is a repetition of part of the introduction.          xiv. Too many “our(s)”. Reduce the number of times you start sentences with “Our”.          xv. Include discussions on risk factors. Check publications from sub-Saharan Africa and other countries. Example: Oparaugo et al (2022). Occurrence and clinical characteristics of vaginitis among women of reproductive age in Lagos, Nigeria.          xvi. What were the limitations of the study?</p> <p><b>CONCLUSION</b></p> <p>xvii. Conclusion should be made based on your findings. It can also include need for further research.</p> <p><b>REFERENCES</b></p> <p>xviii. Different formats were used for references.</p>	
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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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