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Journal Name:	<b>International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_IJTDH_120171</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>ATTITUDE AND PRACTICE OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION AMONG WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE IN A TERTIARY HEALTH FACILITY IN BENIN CITY, EDO STATE.</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Is the manuscript important for scientific community? <i>(Please write few sentences regarding this manuscript to justify your answer)</i></p>	<p><b>Yes, The study appears to follow a well-structured scientific approach. The background establishes the relevance of the topic, highlighting FGC as a harmful practice with significant health implications. The objective is clearly stated, focusing on specific aspects of FGM attitudes, practices, and determinants within a defined population.</b></p> <p><b>The methodology demonstrates scientific rigor. The cross-sectional descriptive study design is appropriate for the research objectives with sample size of 316 women, selected through simple random sampling, suggests a reasonable attempt at representative sampling. The conclusion aligns with the findings and provides a practical recommendation for healthcare workers, demonstrating the study's potential real-world application. Overall, the manuscript addresses a significant public health issue, providing valuable data that could inform interventions and policies related to FGM in the studied region.</b></p>	
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> <i>(If not please suggest an alternative title)</i></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>	
<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p>	<p><b>Yes. May consider changing results to results and discussion</b></p>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>	
<p><b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b> <i>(Please write few sentences regarding this manuscript to justify your answer)</i></p>	<p><b>The manuscript appears to be scientifically sound. It presents clear objectives focused on investigating attitudes, practices, and determinants of FGM in a specific population, utilizing an appropriate cross-sectional descriptive study design. The employment of SPSS for data analysis indicates a standard and reliable method for statistical processing. The results directly address the study objectives, providing specific percentages related to FGM prevalence, beliefs, and practices. Furthermore, the conclusion logically flows from the findings, recommending health education to address the identified issues. While a comprehensive assessment would require reviewing the entire manuscript, the manuscript suggests that the study adheres to accepted scientific principles and methods, supporting its scientific correctness.</b></p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p>	<p><b>Yes, would like to suggest the authors to add in more recent literature review if possible.</b></p>	

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	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (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>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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