

## Review Form 1.8

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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   | <b>Author's Feedback</b> <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i> |
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| Is the manuscript important for scientific community?<br><i>(Please write few sentences regarding this manuscript to justify your answer)</i>  | <b>Yes</b><br><b>FGM is a serious global problem entrenched from cultural orientation of societies. It affects development process in various sectors, so it needs to be addressed from the grass root level.</b>  |  |
| Is the title of the article suitable?<br>(If not please suggest an alternative title)  | <b>Yes</b>   |  |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?  | The topic is on FGM but the content says FGC & FGM<br>In the Abstract put Recommendation instead of Conclusion   |  |
| Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sections should be numbered</li> <li>• The section on Results should directly be accompanied with discussion of the findings</li> <li>• Discussion of the findings held a researcher to deduce conclusions and finally give recommendations.</li> <li>• Recommendations are missing</li> </ul> <p>The last subsection (Consent and Ethical Approval) states that:</p> <p>Consent was obtained from each participant in line with Helsinki's declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Helsinki's declaration?</li> <li>• What is its Reference?</li> </ul>   |  |
| Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?<br><i>(Please write few sentences regarding this manuscript to justify your answer)</i> | <b>Yes</b><br><b>It shows the extent of awareness among the sample on the FGM practise and its impact on society</b>   |  |
| Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• References of 1967 and 1973 are not recent</li> <li>• Reference or References?</li> <li>• Is it Reference or Bibliography? Some references listed do not appear in the text</li> <li>• Which reference shows reproductive age is 15-50 years?</li> <li>• Several other references may be used e.g. UNFPA, WHO, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNECA .....</li> <li>• References should be arranged in alphabetical order and without numbering e.g. No. 7 should be No 6 and vice versa</li> </ul><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the reproductive age worldwide? (Ref?)</li> <li>• What is the reproductive age of study area? (Ref?)</li> <li>• The Background may include the extent of the problem (data) in other areas starting from general to specific</li> </ul> |  |

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| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments<br><br>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Yes   |  |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sub themes or heading are unnecessary in the Abstract</li><li>• Scrutiny literature review on the topic is needed</li></ul> |  |

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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) |
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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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