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Journal Name:	<u>International Journal of Research and Reports in Gynaecology</u>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJRRGY_126898
Title of the Manuscript:	MATERNAL MORTALITY ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATED CAUSES IN OGBIA LGA OF BAYELSA STATE, NIGERIA
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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory 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>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	This manuscript on maternal mortality assessment and implicated causes in Ogbia LGA of Bayelsa State, Nigeria, holds significant importance for the scientific community due to its focus on a critical public health issue. The study's emphasis on rural communities, health facilities, and traditional birth attendants sheds light on the multifaceted factors contributing to maternal mortality. The use of a retrospective research design, detailed methodology, and data analysis using SPSS software adds rigor to the study. However, a more extensive discussion on the implications of the findings and potential implications for policy and practice could enhance the manuscript's impact.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The title of the article, "Maternal Mortality Assessment and Implicated Causes in Ogbia LGA of Bayelsa State, Nigeria," is suitable as it accurately reflects the content and focus of the study. However, if you are looking for an alternative title, you might consider: "Analysis of Maternal Mortality and Contributing Factors in Rural Communities of Bayelsa State, Nigeria"	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract of the article provides a concise summary of the research conducted on maternal mortality in Ogbia LGA of Bayelsa State, Nigeria. It effectively outlines the aim, methodology, key findings, and conclusion of the study. However, to enhance its comprehensiveness, the following suggestions can be considered for additions or modifications: Inclusion of Research Methodology: While the abstract briefly mentions the use of a purposive sampling technique and data collection methods, adding a sentence to highlight the retrospective design, sample size, and nature of data source would provide a clearer overview of the study methodology. Key Findings Expansion: While the abstract touches on the prevalence rates of maternal mortality across different years and the main causes identified, expanding on the statistical significance of these findings or highlighting any unique patterns discovered could make the abstract more informative. Implications and Recommendations: While the conclusion is briefly mentioned, emphasizing the implications of the study's findings on maternal health in the region and providing specific recommendations derived from the results could add value to the abstract.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The subsections and overall structure of the manuscript appear to be appropriate. The document follows a typical academic paper structure with clear sections such as Abstract, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, and so on. Each section seems to be well-segmented, providing a logical flow of information from the abstract to the results. The use of subsections within the materials and methods section also aids in organizing the study design, area of study, study population, sample size, sampling technique, and data collection methods. This structured approach helps in presenting the research findings in a clear and coherent manner.	
Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The manuscript titled "Maternal Mortality Assessment and Implicated Causes in Ogbia LGA of Bayelsa State, Nigeria" appears scientifically robust and technically sound due to several key factors. Firstly, the study design, employing a retrospective approach, ensures a comprehensive analysis of maternal mortality cases within a specified timeframe. Secondly, the meticulous data collection process, involving the use of secondary sources and structured instruments, enhances the reliability and validity of the findings. Additionally, the utilization of statistical analysis through SPSS software adds a quantitative dimension to the study, presenting results in tables and charts for clear interpretation and dissemination. Overall, these methodological aspects contribute to the scientific rigor and credibility of the manuscript.	

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<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>The document contains references dating back to 1949 and up to 2023. While it is good to have a range of sources, it is generally recommended to have more recent references, especially in a field like healthcare where information and practices can evolve rapidly.</p> <p>For a more updated and comprehensive review, consider including references from the past 5-10 years, as these will likely reflect the most current research and understanding in maternal health and mortality. Additionally, including references from reputable journals and organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO) or specific studies on maternal mortality in Nigeria would enhance the credibility and relevance of the research.</p> <p>Here are a few suggestions for additional recent references that could be included in the review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Health Organization. (2021). Maternal mortality. [Online] Available at: [URL] • Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS). Latest edition. • United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). (Year). Report on Maternal Health in Nigeria. • A recent study on maternal mortality causes and trends in the Niger Delta region. • Recent publications on maternal health interventions and outcomes in low-resource settings. <p>By incorporating more recent references, the review will be more up-to-date and reflective of the current landscape of maternal mortality research and interventions.</p>	
<p><u>Minor REVISION</u> comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Based on the excerpt you provided, the language used in the document seems to be suitable for scholarly communication. It includes technical terms related to the research topic, presents a clear research aim, methodology, results, and conclusions. The document follows an academic structure with an abstract, introduction, materials and methods, results, and references, which are typical of scholarly articles.</p>	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>		

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	<p>Reviewer's comment</p>	<p>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>
<p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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