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Title of the Manuscript:	A TEN-YEAR REVIEW OF NEONATAL TETANUS SEEN IN A TERTIARY HEALTH FACILITY IN SOKOTO NORTH-WESTERN NIGERIA: BEFORE AND DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC
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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> <p>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No, the suitable title will be 'A decadal analysis of the variables related to admitted neonatal cases in a health facility of Sokoto, NW Nigeria in pre &amp; post COVID 19 pandemic period.</p> <p>The abstract has to change as the authors should change the Research Methodology section.</p> <p>No, there should be a section on those countries that have eliminated MNT e.g. India.</p> <p>No, They should use the pie chart of causes of U5 death at global level by Lancet/UNIGME &amp; than discuss the tetanus as a cause of neonatal deaths. The chart applies to all countries.</p> <p>No, they should add reference regarding elimination of MNT.</p> <p>The research Methodology section is very poor. It is not a retrospective study. It is simply an analysis of the modalities or factors related to admitted cases of NNT in a health facility. In retrospective study, you take at least 10 years to follow the cases. E.g. causes of U5 deaths is a retrospective study. Further, they are saying the study is cross sectional. There is no respondent. How can a study be cross sectional without respondents. It is simply an analysis of the variables using secondary data. Some of the variables are from the domain of social science where as others are from medical point of view regarding NNT.</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>The authors are not clear about the research methodology. All the variables are not causes. There are variables like geography of the admitted cases, socio-economic status of the admitted cases, place of delivery, derived epidemiology like case fatality rate. So there is a mix of social science variables &amp; one epidemiological variable.</p> <p>They should have two additional sections in the discussion. One from Jan 2013 to Jan 2020 (Pre Pandemic) &amp; Jan 2020 to Dec 2022 (Post pandemic). They should compare the 8 year period to the 2 year period &amp; than establish a relation between COVID 19 &amp; NNT if those cases have suffered from COVID 19 or were diagnosed with COVID 19. The author should know that COVID 19 is viral &amp; NNT is bacterial.</p> <p>They have to add references, change the RM section, add two sections, remove the words like retrospective &amp; cross sectional. They need to change the title as well.</p>	

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**PART 2:**

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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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