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Journal Name:	<b>South Asian Journal of Parasitology</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_SAJP_113886</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>MOLECULAR CHARACTERIZATION OF ANAPLASMA SPP ISOLATED FROM CATTLE SLAUGHTERED AT CENTRAL ABATTOIR BAUCHI, BAUCHI STATE, NIGERIA</b>
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

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<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li><b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li><b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li><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><b>Yes it is an important topic for scientific community performing to veterinary research.</b></p> <p><b>Yes it is suitable.</b></p> <p>There are few mistakes in abstract which are mentioned in general comments below.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes, it is correct scientifically.</p> <p>You should add some recent references according to my suggestion.</p>	
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