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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>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it addresses the pressing issue of HIV/AIDS prevalence among youths in Rivers State, Nigeria. With increasing cases among young people, understanding HIV risk perception and assessment is crucial for designing effective interventions to mitigate transmission rates and improve health outcomes in this vulnerable population. The title "HIV Risk Perception and Assessment among Youths in Rivers State, Nigeria; A Comparative Cross-sectional Study" effectively encapsulates the main focus and methodology of the research. It highlights the comparative aspect of the study, which is essential for understanding regional variations in HIV risk perception among youths. The abstract provides a comprehensive summary of the study, covering essential elements such as background, methodology, key findings, and conclusion. It concisely communicates the purpose, methods, and significance of the research, making it accessible to readers interested in HIV/AIDS prevention and youth health in Nigeria. The subsections and structure of the manuscript appear appropriate, with clear delineation of the introduction, methods, results, and conclusion sections. This organization facilitates understanding of the study's objectives, methodology, and key findings, enhancing readability and comprehension for readers. The manuscript appears scientifically sound based on the information provided. The study employed appropriate methodology, including a comparative descriptive cross-sectional design and rigorous sampling techniques, to investigate HIV risk perception among youths in rural and urban areas of Rivers State, Nigeria. The statistical analyses conducted using SPSS and EPI INFO were suitable for the research questions addressed. While the references cited in the manuscript seem relevant and recent, it would be beneficial to ensure a broader representation of perspectives and findings on HIV/AIDS prevalence, risk factors, and interventions, particularly focusing on Nigeria and similar contexts. Including recent publications (within the past 5 years) can enhance the currency and relevance of the literature review, providing readers with a comprehensive overview of the current state of research in this field. 	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Overall, the manuscript provides valuable insights into HIV risk perception and assessment among youths in Rivers State, Nigeria. The research fills a critical gap in understanding the factors contributing to HIV/AIDS prevalence among young people, particularly in rural and urban settings. The study's methodology appears robust, and the findings contribute to the existing body of knowledge on HIV/AIDS prevention and youth health. However, it may be beneficial to explore potential limitations of the study, such as sampling biases or measurement errors, and discuss their implications for interpreting the results. Additionally, further discussion of the practical implications of the findings for public health policy and interventions could enhance the manuscript's relevance and utility for policymakers, healthcare practitioners, and researchers working in this field. Overall, the manuscript represents a valuable contribution to the scientific community's understanding of HIV/AIDS prevention among youths in Nigeria.</p>	

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

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