

**Review Form 1.7**

Journal Name:	<b>South Asian Journal of Parasitology</b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_SAJP_116442</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Malaria infectious status and associated risk factors among pregnant women attending antenatal clinics in Awka metropolis, south-eastern, Nigeria.</b>
Type of the Article	

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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>1. <b>Considering the high prevalence and mortality rates of Malaria and the goal of malaria elimination, this study is important for the scientific community.</b></p> <p>2. <b>The article analyses only limited risk factors.</b> The title may be changed to: <b>Association of Malaria in pregnancy to sociodemographic factors and utilization of preventive measures in Awka metropolis, Sout eastern Nigeria.</b></p> <p>3. <b>Yes.</b></p> <p>4. <b>Yes</b></p> <p>5. <b>My questions on the manuscript.</b></p> <p>5.1 <b>Is Awka region a holoendemic zone for malaria?</b></p> <p>5.2. <b>what is the prevalence of malaria in the population in this area?</b></p> <p>5.3 <b>what is the malaria prevalence in the three hospitals seen in general population during the study period, where the study was conducted.</b></p> <p>5.4 <b>the study period is too short ( 6 months). It should be extended to at least one year.</b></p> <p>5.5 <b>In the risk factors, the gestational age of the pregnant women is not mentioned. Is there any association between MIP and parity of the woman?</b></p> <p>5.6. <b>In the detection of malaria- was both RDT and microscopy were done in all cases? How many were RDT positive? How many were microscopy positive? Or both? In microscopy positive cases, what was the parasite density?</b></p> <p>5.7. <b>what is the antenatal coverage in Awka region? Is it 100% ?</b></p> <p>6.<b>no suggestions.</b></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>There are some language corrections required. In some places, the meaning is not forthcoming.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>A simple study. In the statistical analysis, no adjustment to other confounding factors.</p>	

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**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> <i>(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)</i>
<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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