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Title of the Manuscript:	Seroprevalence of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Viral Infections in Port Harcourt, Nigeria
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PART 1: Review Comments

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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>		
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>General comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The document has editorial and grammar errors so it needs editing and correction✓ The study reported for the community of Port Harcourt, Nigeria but the study was done on institution. It needs major revision.✓ The detail narration, results and conclusion should contain for both HBV and HCV <p>Detail comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Abstract: There is a discrepancy of the finding. Correct it Results: The seroprevalence of hepatitis B in the study area was found to be 5.5% Versus Conclusion: the prevalence of 5.8% for HBV in this study. Similar comments for the final conclusion.2. The study states that about HBV and HCV but you did not give conclusion for HCV.3. Methods: The study setting is private and public health care institutions and your study participants are patients who have visited and tested for HBV. So your conclusion should be only for those populations. But you have concluded for Port Harcourt communities; which is absolutely incomparable because if you want to conclude for Port Harcourt communities, your study population should be the Port Harcourt communities but not the patients who visit those health institutions.4. Your study design is retrospective document review but you have stated on the data collection as "Specimen collection and assay About 3 ml of venous blood was collected from each study participant, transferred to a test tube and allowed to stand until clotted the serum was separated from the clotted by centrifugation at 5000 revolutions per minute for 10 min and tested for HBsAg and anti-HCV using a one-step HBsAg test strip (SD Bioline) and a one-step HCV test strip (SD Bioline), respectively, following the manufacturer instructions". Since you have taken the laboratory result records (Hepatitis results only), how did you know about the sample collection or processing? You did not get the full data collection process and sample	

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	<p>processing unless you have explained about the science.</p> <p>5. Results: Seroprevalence of Hepatitis C Viral Infections. The seroprevalence of Hepatitis C virus infection as determined in the study area was 0.5% as only one of the 206 tests recorded positive. Do you think that 0.5% of 206=1?? Check it.</p> <p>6. The study was over searched so there are so many articles related to this content. So discuss and compare your finding with more than your reference.</p>	
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PART 2:

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