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<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>Title: Consider making the title more specific by including the method and timeframe. For example: "Seroprevalence of Syphilis in Urban Communities of Port Harcourt, Nigeria: A Retrospective Cross-sectional Study from 2022 to 2023."</p> <p>Materials and Methods: Provide more details about how the study participants were chosen (randomly, consecutively, or through convenience sampling) as this can impact the generalizability of the results. Explain how the inclusion and exclusion criteria were consistently applied.</p> <p>Serological Tests: Include more information about the type of serological tests used (e.g., RPR, TPHA), whether the tests were validated locally, and their sensitivity and specificity.</p> <p>Results: Consider conducting additional analyses, such as odds ratios or logistic regression, to explore potential confounding factors or interaction effects that may have influenced syphilis prevalence. Provide more clarification on how p-values were interpreted, and whether adjustments were made for multiple comparisons.</p> <p>Discussion: Include more comparisons with studies conducted in similar urban or resource-limited settings to provide a stronger context, considering regional differences in healthcare and cultural practices. Consider discussing whether the low seroprevalence (2.2%) could be due to underreporting or limited access to healthcare. Additionally, consider the socio-economic context of the area in this interpretation. Suggest ways to improve syphilis screening and treatment in Port Harcourt to strengthen the discussion.</p>	

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