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Journal Name:	<a href="#">Asian Journal of Research in Dermatological Science</a>
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#### **PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	It is important to document the seroprevalence of syphilis in Urban communities of Port Harcourt Nigeria However there are significant flaws in the study. How was the sample size ascertained? Was this a random sample of participants? Is the study sample representative of population? Any persons in the sample were MSM, sex workers? There were children in the study sample, why was syphilis testing done in children? How was syphilis diagnosed in the study?	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	The Seroprevalence of Syphilis in Urban Communities of Port Harcourt, Nigeria	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The study was a chart review of the medical laboratory records (rather than cross-section, retrospective). How was the sample size ascertained? Was this a random sample of participants? Is the study sample representative of population? How was syphilis diagnosed in the study? Were the study participants diagnosed with syphilis treated and their partners treated?	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The introduction should describe the prevalence of syphilis in various populations in Nigeria – general population, pregnant women, HIV patients, MSM and sex workers if available. What is the prevalence of mother to child transmission of syphilis? Also the discussion should compare the results of this study with other studies in Nigeria and other parts of Africa.	
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Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	OK	
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<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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