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PART 1: Review Comments

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<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>Suggestion: PETROGRAPHY AND HEAVY MINERAL ANALYSIS OF THE NANKA FORMATION, SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIA: IMPLICATION FOR PROVENANCE AND PALEOCLIMATE</p>	
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	<p>7. Data/table of zircon, tourmaline, rutile percentange and roundness in each sample of SD2, SD3, SE1, SE2, SR1, SW1, SL1, SL2, ST1 in table.</p> <p>8. show the distribution/percentage of microcline and oligoclase for each samples (SD2, SD3, SE1, SE2, SR1, SW1, SL1, SL2, ST1), Shows also the thin section photo of microcline and oligoclase, how many oligoclase have been identified or observed for this research, how you determine the type of plagioklas? degree of extinction?</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Reference are listed and update, but needs some reference that should be listed and discuss in this manuscript</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Henry Madukwe. 2019. Paleoweathering, paleoenvironment and paleoclimate of the Nanka sandstone, Anambra basin, Nigeria. December 2019. Bulletin of the Geological Society of Malaysia 68:25-36. DOI: 10.7186/bgsm68201902 2. O. Etimita, F. T. Beka. 2020. Heavy mineral analysis of Eocene sandstones of Nanka Formation, Cenozoic 	

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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p>	<p>Niger Deltapetroleum. October 2020. Geology, Ecology and Landscape. https://doi.org/10.1080/24749508.2019.1633218 3. Ocheli Azuka, Aigbadon Godwin Okumagbe, Ocheli Paul Chukwujindu. 2017. Provenance, Diagenesis And Paleogeography of The Late Cretaceous Sediments, Benin Flank (Western Anambra Basin) Nigeria. International Journal of Advanced Research and Publications. Volume 1 Issue 4, Oct 2017.</p>	
<p>Is the language/English quality of the articles suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Overall manuscript written in standard scientific English</p>	
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