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Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_111247
Title of the Manuscript:	The susceptibility to Rubella virus infection among pregnant women attending antenatal clinics in Unguja, Zanzibar: the need to employ multiple strategies to control Congenital Rubella syndrome in Tanzania
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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments 1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript) 2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) 3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? 4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate? 5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? 6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u>	1. This article reveals the state of rubella incidence in the study region. The causes of morbidity are described. Reasonable recommendations aimed at reducing morbidity in the specified region are given. In connection with the above, this study is of interest to the scientific community. 2. Title of the article is suitable 3. The abstract briefly conveys the content of the article. 4. Subsections and structure of the manuscript are appropriate. 5. The statistical sample is sufficient, the results are carefully statistically processed and are not in doubt. 6. References to works are relevant; I would recommend that the study take into account the experience of countries and regions that are epidemiologically free from rubella: doi: 10.15789/2220-7619-ATR-1663 The “Conclusions” section should be written in a little more detail. In particular, it should be written what other measures, in addition to vaccination, need to be taken to eliminate rubella in the region.	1. Thank you 2. Thank you 3. Thank you 4. Thank you 5. Thank you 6. Thank you. This has been added Thank you. Details have been added to the conclusion and recommendations
Minor REVISION comments 1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	Yes, the content of the article is clearly understood in English	1. Thank you
Optional/General comments	The authors of the study have the following questions. How long has Tanzania had universal rubella vaccination? Do study subjects have a history of vaccination during childhood or between the ages of 18 and 25? Have people who have antibodies to the rubella virus contracted the disease? If so, at what age?	Thank you. Tanzania introduced Rubella vaccination in January 2015 (about 8 years ago) targeting children under five years of age and all the study subjects have no history of Rubella vaccination. Details have been added in the background and methodology sections. Regarding the age at which the women contracted the virus, this has not been investigated

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	