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Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Blood Research &amp; Reviews</a>
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Title of the Manuscript:	OCCURRENCE RATE OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV), HEPATITIS B VIRUS (HBV) AND HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) CO - INFECTION AMONG EXPECTANT MOTHERS ATTENDING ANTENATAL CLINIC IN RIVERS STATE UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITAL
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	The title put as occurrence rate of HIV, HBV and HCV Co-infection among expectant mothers attending antenatal clinic in Rivers sate University teaching Hospital – <b>But in this study there was no incidence of co infection</b> – Highlighted in the discussion	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Materials and methods can be briefed. Elaborative description about the various departments - <b>All teaching hospitals will have such facilities.</b></li><li>2. <b>Location details</b> can be cut short.</li><li>3. <b>Sample collection details</b> can be minimised.</li><li>4. In the demographic details of the participants: under the marital status, it was divided as single or married both in the description and the Table – <b>Single</b> could be either unmarried, divorces or separated. <b>Unmarried would be preferable.</b></li><li>5. Page number 6, the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, the title – Percentage of distribution as per age groups, made in <b>bold</b> letters as with that of other titles.</li><li>6. There is a discrepancy in the page number 7 with that of statistics given in the description and in the table on the page number 8: women with 1-3 children had the highest seropositive cases for HIV, HCV and HBsAg of <b>2%</b> is incorrect as per the table and should be like this: <b>(1.3%,2%,2% respectively)</b> each respectively</li><li>7. Page number 8, the distribution of patients as per family types it was mentioned as monogamous and polygamous... By Polygamous, whether the authors mean as costumery as in certain tribals or promiscuity (not called as polygampous), or real polygamy as with certain religions?</li><li>8. The last paragraph in the discussion in page number: a rise in the 25–29 years <b>(2.2%)</b> age group and a downward fall in 40–44 years age group (0.9%). % - mark is missing.</li></ol>	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	Meticulously done and Well presented, but lacks the theme of co infection of HIV with HBV or HCV and the impacts.	

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PART 2:

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

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