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Title of the Manuscript:	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of Human Immune Deficiency Virus Services (PMTCT) in Public Hospitals; Access barriers and determinants in Enugu State, Nigeria
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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>The study does not correspond with what the title heading: 1) Public health institution there are many health institution in Enugu but the study was only carried out at the two teaching hospital , The title should be : Accessing barriers and the other determinants of Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of Human Immune Deficiency Virus (HIV) Services at the Teaching Hospital in Enugu State, Nigeria</p> <p>The author cannot differentiate the difference between ART and HAART that is very serious and not able to find any cofounding that is very serious.</p> <p>Some statement like I quote "Mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) is when an HIV-infected woman passes the virus to her unborn baby" that is a serious blunder what about breastfeeding.</p> <p>There other statement in the introductory part that are not true, other correction are well outline on the manuscript with track changes.</p>	<p>Effectuated</p> <p>HAART is a subset of ART. However HAART is recommended. The word confounding is ambiguous and rather confusing. Noted and corrected</p> <p>Noted and corrected</p> <p>Be specific on statements that are not true</p>
Minor REVISION comments	<p>Some percentage without figures please the figure should be included. "About 14% deliveries take place under skilled health care attendants with most deliveries outside two of the tertiary institutions in the state, University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital(UNTH) and Enugu State Teaching Hospital (ESUTH)." Is the author saying the two teaching hospital are the only tertiary and the only institution with obstetrics unit this is not true? Does it mean that all the district hospital does not provide PMTCT that is not true</p> <p>How was the confidentiality maintain throughout the study?</p> <p>The table were not properly formatted</p>	<p>Noted and effectuated</p> <p>By making questionnaires anonymous, no name , no phone, no direct identity to link it to respondents.</p> <p>Noted</p>
Optional/General comments	<p>Good reporting format and analysis. Please some of the issue discuss were not address in the study shortage of staff at the two teaching hospital that statement like "Other previous studies had similar findings of distance to facilities, frequency of visits required and shortage of (trained) clinic staff as barriers" please check the manuscript for other corrections.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

PART 2:

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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>	