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**PART 1:**

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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Asian Hematology Research Journal</a>   |
| Manuscript Number:       | <b>Ms_AHRJ_48946</b>  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>KNOWLEDGE OF HAEMOGLOBIN TYPES AT UNION AMONG COUPLES AND IMPACT ON OFFSPRING; A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY IN SOUTHERN NIGERIA</b> |

**PART 2:**

| <b>FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)</b>  | <b>Authors' response to final evaluator's comments</b>                          |
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| <p>This study illustrated the present status of couples regarding Hb A/S typing and their knowledge of it. Whether having children should be decided on the couples' own will irrespective of Hb typing. However, to know "the situation" is worthy and important for the couples. Authors touched this meaning in the conclusion but I am still concerned about ethical issues. I strongly advise to add the followings in the conclusion to avoid keen ethical criticism from the readers or ethical criticism group.</p> <p>Authors should add the following statement in Conclusion.<br/>"Whether having children should, and does, depend solely on the couples' wish irrespective of couples' Hb typing. We never intend to claim that caregivers may or should recommend something about childbearing based on Hb typing. However, it may be also human right to "know" one's own health problem including one's own Hb typing. The present data, having illustrated the present condition, may be useful to further research into this issue."</p> | <p>Noted and appreciated.</p> <p>Resolved: The conclusion has been amended.</p> |