



**SDI Review Form 1.6**

Journal Name:	<a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_46050
Title of the Manuscript:	A Review of Rifampicin-Resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis Between 2015 – 2017 in Port Harcourt, 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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>Thank you for this interesting manuscript.</p> <p><b>Few comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is not clear under "Study Population and Sample" whether the "6733" refers to samples or patients. Please add.</li> <li>- It is not clear how prevalence was calculated. What is the denominator: the 6733 patients or the catchment population? It may not be possible to make conclusions about the trend of the TB prevalence in the area based on these sample data.</li> <li>- Are patient data available, e.g. on TB category (first diagnosis, re-treatment, treatment failure). It would be important to provide this diagnosis to understand the proportion with Rifampicine resistance. For example, if there were more patients who were treatment failures tested in 2017, than in 2015, a higher proportion of Rifampicine resistance would be expected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 6733 persons were the subjects suspected of TB that presented to the diagnostic center for the period under review (2015-2017).</li> <li>All subjects in this study were subjects presenting for initial diagnosis with no history of previous treatment.</li> </ul>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		

**PART 2:**

	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>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<p>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</p> <p>State whether the study was approved by local IRB/EC and waiver for informed consent granted.</p>	Ethical approval for the study was obtained from the Research Ethics Committee of the Rivers State Primary Health Care Board prior to commencement of the study.