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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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a descriptive study of the use of ECT between 2000-2007 in Lagos, Nigeria. There are minor grammatical errors in the writing which need to be corrected – particularly the misuse of capital letters. 2. Do patients need to sign consent for ECT? What is explained to them about side effects? Is it bilateral or monolateral ECT? Is it in-hospital ECT or outpatient ECT? If in-hospital, how long is the hospital stay in comparison to drug treated patients with similar diagnoses? 3. To what extent is treatment governed by treatment cost, by reimbursement rates to doctors, by insurance coverage? 4. Why are women more likely to receive ECT – because they are coerced, or more prone to consent, or because of diagnosis, or pregnancy. 5. What are the results of ECT vs drug treatment for the various diagnoses? 6. What are the attitudes towards ECT in Lagos? Do people speak openly about having ECT ? 7. What are the effects on memory? 8. What is the recurrence rate of ECT vs drug therapy? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank you for this observation, efforts have been made to correct the errors in the manuscript. 2. The practise in the hospital is that patient's relatives are the ones that sign the consent forms after they are properly briefed about the procedure. The side effects especially memory loss and risk of injuries are explained to the relatives and patients who can comprehend the details. All the patients were in-patients. It is rare to give ECT to a patient for the first time as an outpatient in our facility. Comparing the hospital stay of patients who received ECT and those treated with drugs alone is outside the scope of the objectives of this study. We however want to sincerely thank the reviewer for bringing this to our attention as it is another possible research area. 3. The hospital is strictly government owned and as such there is no additional remuneration to doctors for carrying out ECT on patients. The cost of the procedure is not too much compared to private facilities and most patients pay from out of pocket while few on health insurance are taken care of by their HMO. 4. That happens to be one of the major findings in this study and our explanation is that this may be based on diagnosis and not due to coercion. 5. This was not done but we thank you for bringing our attention to this as it can be studied in future. 6. Unfortunately knowledge about ECT is poor and the attitude of people is equally poor. 7. ECT has been associated with a reversible memory loss according to literature but this complication was not assessed in this study. 8. Comparative assessment of recurrence of mental illness among those



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		treated with ECT and those with drugs alone was not done in this study, however this can be looked into in future longitudinal studies. Thank you for the suggestion sir.
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments		

PART 2:

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