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PART 1: Review Comments

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<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p>	<p>Abstract</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Why in text box? – see journal guidelines Start with problem statement sentence (e.g. In Africa, cassava provides a basic daily source of dietary energy and has gained popularity as one of the most important root crops in Nigeria especially in the Southern States. However, a thorough survey on cassava susceptibility to termite infestation in relation to time and management strategy has not received attention by farmers in Owerri (Southeastern Nigeria). Therefore, the need to carry out field survey of cassava susceptibility to termite infestation as influence by time, scale and management strategy in selected Owerri Agricultural zones.) Where are results on scale? <p>See Journal Guidelines</p> <p>SAMPLE ABSTRACT:</p> <p>Aims: Here clearly write the aims of this study. Sample: To correlate platelet count, splenic index (SI), platelet count/spleen diameter ratio and portal-systemic venous collaterals with the presence of esophageal varices in advanced liver disease to validate other screening parameters.</p> <p>Study design: Mention the design of the study here.</p> <p>Place and Duration of Study: Sample: Department of Medicine (Medical Unit IV) and Department of Radiology, Services Institute of Medical Sciences (SIMS), Services Hospital Lahore, between June 2009 and July 2010.</p> <p>Methodology: Please write main points of the research methodology applied. Sample: We included 63 patients (40 men, 23 women; age range 18-75 years) with liver cirrhosis and portal hypertension, with or without the medical history of gastrointestinal bleeding. Clinical as well as hematological examination (platelet count) and ultrasonography (gray as well as color Doppler scale including splenic index and splenorenal/ pancreaticoduodenal collaterals) was done besides upper GI endoscopy for esophageal varices. Platelet count/spleen diameter ratio was also calculated.</p> <p>Results: Kindly make sure to include relevant statistics here, such as sample sizes, response rates, P-values or Confidence Intervals. Do not just say "there were differences between the groups". sample: Out of 63 patients, 36 patients with small varices (F1/F2) and 27 with larger (F3) varices were detected on endoscope. Significant increase in mean splenic index from low (86.7 +/- 27.4) to high (94.7 +/- 27.7) grade varices was documented. Opposite trend was found with platelets (120.2 +/- 63.5 to 69.8 +/- 36.1) and platelets/ splenic diameter ratio (1676.7 to 824.6) declining significantly. Logistic regression showed splenic collaterals and platelets are significantly but negatively associated with esophageal varices grades.</p> <p>Conclusion: Non-invasive independent predictors for screening esophageal varices may decrease medical as well as financial burden, hence improving the management of cirrhotic patients. These predictors, however, need further work to validate reliability.</p> <p>See Journal Guidelines: There is no strict page limit for a Short Communication; however, we advise a length of 2500-3500 words (<i>this manuscript contains 4377 words</i>), plus 2-3 tables (<i>this manuscript contains 9 Tables</i>), and 15-20 key references (<i>this manuscript contains 21 references</i>). REDUCE!!!</p> <p>INTRODUCTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> See Journal Guidelines: In the text, citations should <u>ONLY</u> be indicated by the reference number in brackets The newest reference used in Introduction is: 2002 – already 17 years old!! Most sources from 1980s and 1990s – The authors are urged to upgrade the information 	



	<p>by using newer sources from the most recent years - past 5 years (2014-2019)!</p> <p>RESULTS AND DISCUSSION</p> <p>1. The abstract indicate: "Therefore, the need to carry out field survey of cassava susceptibility to termite infestation as influence by <u>time</u>, <u>scale</u> and <u>management strategy</u> in selected Owerri Agricultural zones." Thus the results and discussion section should be structured according to the following sub-headings:</p> <p>3.1 Influence of time 3.2 Influence of scale 3.3 Management strategy</p> <p>2. DISCUSSION ABSENT FOR MOST RESULTS!</p> <p>3. DISCUSSION OF TABLE 2 (and other tables) RESULTS are INSUFFICIENT – HOW RELATE TO OTHER SIMILAR STUDIES? If similar, what does the "trend" indicate? If different, why not in line with similar studies? What do the results mean? What conclusions can be drawn? What recommendation can be made?</p> <p>CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>Short communications as a rule do not have conclusion/recommendation section – this information should be incorporated into the results and discussion section</p> <p>See Journal Guidelines: Tables & figures should be placed inside the text (Results and Discussion section). Tables should be presented as per their appearance in the text. It is suggested that the discussion about the tables should appear in the text before the appearance of the respective. No tables should be given without discussion or reference inside the text. Tables should be explanatory enough to be understandable without any text reference. Double spacing should be maintained throughout the table, including table headings and footnotes. Table headings should be placed above the table. Footnotes should be placed below the table with superscript lowercase letters.</p> <p>See Journal Guidelines: AUTHORS' CONTRIBUTIONS</p> <p>Authors may use the following wording for this section: " 'Author A' designed the study, performed the statistical analysis, wrote the protocol, and wrote the first draft of the manuscript. 'Author B' and 'Author C' managed the analyses of the study. 'Author C' managed the literature searches..... All authors read and approved the final manuscript."</p> <p>See Journal Guidelines: CONSENT (WHERE INTERVIEWING PEOPLE)</p> <p>Authors may use the following wording for this section: "All authors declare that 'written informed consent was obtained from the interviewees (or other approved parties) for publication of this case report and accompanying images. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editorial office/Chief Editor/Editorial Board members of this journal."</p> <p>See Journal Guidelines: ETHICAL APPROVAL (WHERE INTERVIEWING PEOPLE)</p> <p>If human subjects (interviewees) are involved, informed consent, protection of privacy, and other human rights are further criteria against which the manuscript will be judged. It should provide a statement to confirm that the authors have obtained all necessary ethical approval from suitable Institutional or State or National or International Committee. This confirms either that this study is not against the public interest, or that the release of information is allowed by legislation.</p> <p>All manuscripts which deal with the study of human subjects (interviewees) must be accompanied by Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Ethical Committee Approval, or the national or regional equivalent. The name of the Board or Committee giving approval and the study number assigned must accompany the submission. If required, the author should be ready to submit a scanned copy of the IRB or Ethical Committee Approval at</p>	
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