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PART 1:

Journal Name:	Journal of Scientific Research and Reports
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Title of the Manuscript:	DISTRIBUTION OF ECOSYSTEM HEALTH INDICATORS FOR BIOMONITORING OF OIL POLLUTION IN THE WESTERN NIGER DELTA, NIGERIA
Type of Article:	original research article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
<p>It is a good paper, but need to show the quantitative data.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You could compare and contrast the qualitative and quantitative data of bioindicator and monitor species among those location. 2. This is could be a more comprehensive quantitative data, over time (monthly data) and layer of depth data 3. How could you conclude this (oribatids) as dominant? You should analyse with dominance index otherwise you can only say the higher abundance of oribatids. Please explain why this happen? Give supporting references. 4. Table 1, 2 and 3 become 1 table 5. If you don't have quantitative data, you could compare the qualitative data, for example the composition of the bioindicator and monitor species over time of sampling and over layer of sampling area. 6. You need more new references. 	<p>1&2: The focus of the study was on the presence or absence of species over limited period. A longer study is planned.</p> <p>3: Data not appropriate for dominant index analysis, hence the word "dominant" has been withdrawn. T-test for significance has been used.</p> <p>4: Crowded tables do not make for easy reading; hence have decided not to merge tables 1, 2 and 3.</p> <p>5: This aspect will be incorporated in the planned longer study</p> <p>6: Five new references have been added</p>