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<td>The review of cases of NCD is a useful source of information on the disease in Nigeria. The study was properly conducted but the reporting needs to be revised.</td>
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<td>Abstract: Lines: 6. Change: “was conducted...the” to “of” 11. Change: “The data...from” to “case files from Tashan Duku and Paratani area veterinary clinics in Gombe metropolis were reviewed for the study”. 13. Change: “This...December 2013” to “Files of cases of poultry diseases reported between January 2004 and December 2013 were studied”. 14. Cancel: “Data...veterinary clinics” 17. Add: “diseases diagnosed “as NCD” based on...” 19. Change: “9970 cases” to “of 9970 cases...diseases of poultry...studied 5531 (55.50%) were cases of NCD (P &gt; 0.05)”. 20. Write: “The...(MSR) of ND was 66.5%...in October...in November...and...in September. 20. Change: “ranges” to “ranged” 22. Write: “Monthly...was...for October(highest)...for November...for December...for January...for February...for March...for April...for May...for June...for July and...for August”. 24. Write: “The...(SSR) showed that prevalence of NCD was...in pre-raining season(April–June) and...in pre-dry...”</td>
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season (October – December).

24. Change : “varies” to “varied”.
25. Change to : “NCD was 3.4 times more likely to occur . . . (October – December) and 3.0 times more likely to occur during . . . (January – March)”
27. Write: **Conclusion** : The study revealed that NCD is still endemic in Gombe state-Nigeria with peak outbreaks during dry and cold seasons. Purchasing day old chicks from farms known to give booster vaccinations to their parent stock hens, vaccinating chicks with vaccines that are immunogenic, use of thermo-stable vaccines for routine vaccinations of chicks and strict bio-security measures are recommended to reduce prevalence of the disease in the country.
41. change : “industries in Nigeria have “ to “ industry in Nigeria has”.
43. Cancel: “these”
44. Start new paragraph with “NCD caused . . .”.
50. Make it new paragraph. Italize: *New castle disease virus* (NDV) and *et al* wherever they are written.

52. Make “The first . . .” a new paragraph.
54. Change: “this time “ to “that time”
55. Change “to commercial . . . in the country “ with “to the Nigerian poultry industry”.
57. Write : “. . .with outbreaks resulting to up to 100% . . .”
57 Start new paragraph with “Gombe”
84. Change: . . . a disease and diagnosed “ to “ a disease which was diagnosed as NCD . . .

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