**SDI Review Form 1.6**

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This journal’s peer review policy states that **NO** manuscript should be rejected only on the basis of *lack of Novelty*, provided the manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound.

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This study assessed “The prevalence of symptomatic vulvo-vaginal candidiasis and Trichomonas vaginalis infection and associated risk factors among women in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria”. The authors have made a good attempt. However, my comments are as follows:

**Title:** Adequate and clearly reflect content.

**Abstract:**
- Please replace protocol with questionnaire
- Define IBM SPSS at first mention before the use of abbreviation.

**Keywords:** Adequate and appropriate.

**Introduction:**
- Line 27: why USA but not Nigeria where the study was carried out. Summarize relevant studies in Nigeria and explain other authors’ findings if any.

**Materials and methods:**
- The name of the institution where the study was conducted is not necessary.
- Page 3, line 65: 1240 should be written in words
- Line 72: replace protocol with questionnaire.
- Line 94: 1240 were examined and samples were collected from all of them. Did all of them meet the inclusion criteria?

**Discussion:**
Adequate, but add a brief discussion on why the prevalence was higher among:
- Line 146: students
- Line 154: singles
- Line 173: diabetes
- Line 175: pregnant women
- Line 215: third decade of life

**Conclusion:** Adequate

**References:** Recheck and ensure all intext references are in the reference section, and are correctly referenced as specified by the journal.

**Decision:** Accept after minor correction.

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- **Optional/General comments**