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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	• In-depth interviews were conducted among which type of respondents? How many participants were interviewed and which were the key checklist for this IDI? • Direct cost for onchocerciasis is not the same with other diseases where you may need admission. The cost may be laboratory test, skin snip, what else? The authors should be very clear on cost incurred for onchocerciasis. • The results provided were only for the quantitative study (questionnaire). Where are the ones for in-depth interviews(IDI), and how was IDI data handled and analysed? • Under direct cost for onchocerciasis, treatment cost was quoted as N106,874.02. It is known globally that ivermectin is provided free of charge to endemic countries, how was this cost derived. Can the breakdown be provided? • The authors in the discussion mentioned that once you are affected by oncho the feeding expenditure reduces. Unfortunately the examples of the diseases that oncho was being compared to are those with high morbidity and mortality. The only reasonable impact a household can have is when one is blind or with very intense itching. This will therefore require the authors to be very clear on expenditures for onchocerciasis, diseases of comparison should be in the group of neglected Tropical diseases. • Under conclusion… line 6: specify the medical expenses to cope with onchocerciasis. Recommendation (i): The concept of CDTI has usually be based at community level, empowering them to plan and manage the mass drug administration of ivermectin. In this case what would be the role of health facilities? Rather the oncho program in that state needs to be strengthened to be able to access hard to reach areas.	The manuscript has been thoroughly modified and revised considering all the comments from the reviewer.
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments		

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PART 2:

	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)*
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	*(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* Questionnaire and in-depth interviews were administered in the communities and there was no mentioned of informed consent. It is a requirement that written informed consent be obtained from all participants.	