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| Journal Name: | International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms_IJTDH_69223** |
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| | **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)* |
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| **Compulsory** REVISION comments | | |
| **Minor** REVISION comments | 1. Sample size is large.<br>2. Analysis done in an elaborate manner.<br>3. CSF examination was not done in 95.5% cases. So how confirmation of the diagnosis of meningitis was done?<br>4. Only 1.6 % cases were vaccinated. Hence in this study it can't be concluded that vaccination could prevent death. Conclusion for the same need a large number of vaccinated cases. | 1. Sir, this is secondary data analysis and therefore, do not require sample size estimation. However, observation well appreciated<br>2. Thank you sir for the commendation.<br>3. The confirmation of diagnosis was done through the epidemiological linkages of cases that met the clinical case definition with the confirmed cases.<br>4. Thank you for this wonderful observation. The conclusion section is rephrased as shown and highlighted in YELLOW on page 14 under conclusion and recommendations of the manuscript. |
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**PART 2:**

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| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* | Yes, Sir, there were ethical issue related to this manuscript. However, they were addressed as highlighted on page 4 of the manuscript under methodology section as follows:<br><br>Ethical approval was obtained to use the data from the ethical committee of the state Ministry of Health Sokoto, Nigeria with reference number SKHREC/041/2021. Confidentiality of subjects was maintained by excluding all identifying information such as name and address from the analysis. We ensured that a pass worded computer was used in accessing the data by the principal researcher. |