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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>            |
| Manuscript Number:       | <b>Ms_IJTDH_19398</b>                                                             |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>Bacterial Meningitis: A Review in the Upper East Region of Ghana 2010-2014</b> |
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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) |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | <p>The article is well written and showed important results on the outbreak of bacterial meningitis in the Upper East Region that involved many case-patients with some mortality. More bacterial meningitis cases were recorded in children compared to adults. Lumber puncture was not performed in all case-patients. There is an urgent need to review the management of meningitis, coupled with enhanced strategies in prevention of occurrences of the disease in the Upper East Region of Ghana.</p> <p>There are some comments on this article:</p> <p><b><u>Abstract:</u></b></p> <p>At line-7, "Meningitis a serious infection" should be corrected to "Meningitis is a serious infection".</p> <p>At line-14, "inthe" should be corrected to 'in the".</p> <p>At line-24, "ofbacterial" should be corrected to "of bacterial".</p> <p><b><u>Introduction:</u></b></p> <p>At line-37, "Haemophilusinfluenzatype b" should be corrected to "Haemophilusinfluenza type b".</p> |                                                                                                                                                                               |



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|  | <p>At line-38, "pneumoniaeconstitute" should be corrected to "pneumonia constitute".</p> <p>At line-43, "meningitisinfection" should be corrected to "meningitis infection".</p> <p>At line-47, "1990globally" should be corrected to "1990 globally".</p> <p>At line-80, "meningitidisserogroup" should be corrected to "meningitides serogroup".</p> <p>At line-90, "notifiedthroughout" should be corrected to "notified throughout".</p> <p>At line-91, "suspectedcases" should be corrected to "suspected cases".</p> <p>At line-95, "thedistribution" should be corrected to "the distribution".</p> <p><b><u>Methods:</u></b></p> <p>At line-114, "andin" should be corrected to "and in".</p> <p>At line-126, "includemeningitis" should be corrected to "include meningitis".</p> <p>At line-137, "Meningitiscases" should be corrected to "Meningitis cases".</p> <p>At line-142, "meningitisand" should be corrected to "meningitis and".</p> |  |
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|  | <p>At line-157, "andcommunities" should be corrected to "and communities".</p> <p>At line-161, "wereNeisseria" should be corrected to "were Neisseria".</p> <p>At line-170, "patientsrespectively" should be corrected to "patients respectively".</p> <p><b><u>Results:</u></b></p> <p>At line-189, "whilstZebilla" should be corrected to , "whilst Zebilla".</p> <p><b><u>Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>At line-215, "Discussions" should be corrected to "Discussion".</p> <p>At line-227, "Baterial" should be corrected to "Bacterial".</p> <p>At line-228, "werecommonly" should be corrected to "were commonly".</p> <p>At line-229, "Haemophilusinfluenzaetype b" should be corrected to "Haemophilusinfluenzae type b".</p> <p>At line-252, "conductfrequenct" should be corrected to "conduct frequent".</p> <p>At line-267, "There weremore" should be corrected to "There were more".</p> |  |
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|                                         | <p><b><u>References:</u></b></p> <p>-All references must be written in the style and format of the journal as the following:</p> <p>1.Saez-Lporens X, McCracken GH. Bacterial meningitis in children. Lancet. 2003; 361(9375): 2139-2148."</p> <p>-All journals names must be written with normal fonts and not italic fonts of letters.</p> <p>At line-318, please write the journal name, volume number and pages numbers of reference-19.</p> |  |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments   | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |

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