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Type of the Article	Report on research conducted

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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	Change the personal tense of language used in the article –eg. We used..., Our study...etc A statement on the ethical review and approval for this study to be conducted is necessary beyond the note at the end of the article. Children (under the age of 18 years) were also part of the study and what was the consent process for both children and adults. Children cannot give verbal consent to a study such as this. Justify the use of two controls for each case in the study	
Minor REVISION comments	Abstract should be more reflective of the study objective, data collection approaches and data management procedures Increase the number and use of more recently published literature in the subject area Introduction can benefit from the use of sub-headings to assist in organizing the text presented Results section can also benefit from subheadings	



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<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The study provides an area of research that is important to conduct and a relevant and appropriate methodology to examine the risk factors. The findings are also instructive towards informing preventive practices. I am interested to ensure that the ethical issue of persons less than 18 years of age was addressed as part of the study. The issue of participants in the study being less than 18 years of age and providing verbal consent I am concerned about. Participants less than 18 years old cannot by themselves provide informed consent	
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