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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	Abstract Sample size refers to 134 cases of acute fever and trombocytopenia (not only trombocytopenia) Material and methoods It is stated that clinical, haematological and biochemical parameters have been evaluated every two days. However it is unclear if the days of fever start from the presentation to the hospital or from the occurrence of fever, even at home. This point should be clarified. If the evaluations refer to the days from the beginning of fever, several time point may be not available for all patients In fact, in the result section it is stated that duration of fever at presentation was 4.11 in Dengue and 4.84 in Malaria. I suggest to change the title: "Methods and Study Design" Results It is stated that there was a male preponderance in cases of fever associated to trombocytopenia but no data are shown. Table 1: are the differences statistically significant? Data reported in Table2 are the same shown in figures 1 and 2. I suggest to delete table 2. Please provide statistical analysis. Discussion The discussion is very long. I suggest to focus the discussion on the possible clinical use of the differences observed between Dengue and Malaria in the clinical, biochemical and haematological course.	Abstract-correction done as highlighted in text. Days are calculated from the first day of fever even at home .changes done appropriately. Data showing male predominance entered and highlighted .

	The comparison with other studies is not relevant.	
Minor REVISION comments	Specific Comments Page 3, line 52-53: Platelet count less than 150,000/mcl (not 1,50,000/mcl) Figure 5: Platelet count < 150,000/mcl (not 1,50,000/mcl) Figure 6: Platelet count < 150,000/mcl (not 1,50,000/mcl) I suggest to delete lines 217 -221 and Table 8. The comparison with these other studies does not add any relevant information to the manuscript. I suggest to delete Table 9 since does not add any relevat information to the text (lines 234-236).	
Optional/General comments	The information may be useful but, in my opinion, the manuscript needs major changes to be published	