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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>                                           |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_IJTDH_24051                                                                                                   |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Comparison of Two Survey Methods based on Response Distribution of Pediatricians in India: Mail versus Telephone |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article                                                                                        |

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                     | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Author's comment</b> (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>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <p>Interesting topic for research however this manuscript needs a lot of revisions pertaining to sampling statistics to ensure cofounders are controlled for in both samples</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• References needed for ALL statements on lines 17 to 28.</li><li>• References needed for types of errors discussed on lines 29-31</li><li>• References needed for statement on lines 38-41</li><li>• Line 82 clarify "international setting"; what does that mean?</li><li>• Line 83: clarify the target population</li><li>• Elaborate on the goal of the study by further describing type of survey, population and setting</li></ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                      |



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|  | <p><b>METHODS/RESULTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarify how randomness of samples was ensured?</li><li>• Line 114: describe the survey team? Who was conducting the interviews (whats their background, how many..)</li><li>• What kind of training the survey team received?</li><li>• Describe the phone interviews ; when were physicians' called? During work hours? After hours?</li><li>• Describe the mail survey.. when were the mails sent? Any reminder systems?</li><li>• Line 118: the study period was 1 year. How was the work divided over this year? Did physicians received calls the entire year?</li><li>• Line 149: explain how "expected responses" were planned to be obtained?</li><li>• Provide baseline characteristics of</li></ul> |  |
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|                                         | <p>physicians surveyed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How did you ensure the different samples were identical? Did you match for age , gender, years of practice... Those are important factors that can influence responses; need to control for those variables</li> </ul> <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Line 232-234: inaccurate statement; “random sample” is not the only factor that might influence the results and the assumption made on attributing the results found to the survey type is an over simplification. Need to look at other cofounders like physicians’ characteristics (age, gender, years in practice...) Need to discuss the latter before coming up with the postulated conclusion.</p> |  |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |

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