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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The manuscript was well written and capable of contributing to the body of knowledge. However, there are the following comments, 1. The opening statement in the introduction section, line 34, 'Childish form the bulk of patients.....' ought to be referenced. 2. The definition of Children in this study is not defined. This is because age 17 appears to have been included in the study. Can this fact be better explained? 3. Was there any ethical approval derived before commencement of this study? If not, can the reason (s) be given? 4. Due to the age of the participants, was any consent obtained from children or caregivers? Also the sampling technique appears absent. 5. The Ear is a bilateral structure; hence clinical conditions involving it can either be unilateral or bilateral. This omission makes the comparison with other studies rather difficult. This should be clarified. 6. A major limitation of the study is the absence of surgical intervention such as mastoidectomy, grommet insertion. The expertise for carrying these procedures out are not necessarily difficult.	Line 34 now referenced In our environment adult age starts from 18 years and any person below the age of 18 years is considered a child. In other settings the cut off age is 16 years Ethical approval was sought form the authorities in the community the hospital is situated Informed consent was obtained from parents /guardians of the participants This a simple epidermiological survey carried out to established ontological disorders among children. In majority of cases one ear is affected but in few cases both were affected. We did not think identifying which ear is affected will invalidate our findings. However, in future we may look at the disease condition as it affects each of the ears. I agree with you that the absence of surgical intervention is a limitation but the problem was not that of expertise but lack of appropriate equipments and that of poverty on the part of the patients. My country is a resource poor country



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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	The Grammatical structure is in need of revision	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		