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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	1. The authors did not mention that the study was approved by the local Committee on Bioethics and Research, and that the participants signed the letter of informed consent. Ethical issue: Yes, the authors did not mention that the study was approved by the local Committee on Bioethics and Research, and that the participants signed the letter of informed consent.	Agreed, corrections will be made accordingly. The study however did not involve recruitment of any subjects, existing data on meningitis cases was obtained from the Disease Surveillance Department of the Ghana Health Service. The Disease surveillance department subsequently gave approval for the study to proceed. Response to ethical issue; There was no recruitment of any participant/subject. The study used already existing data of cases of bacterial meningitis. Approval for access to data for this study was obtained from the Disease Surveillance Department of the Ghana Health Service which has been stated in the ethical approval aspect of the manuscript
Minor REVISION comments	- Names of microorganisms should be written with italics. - The authors do not mention the microbiological methods of isolation of N meningitis, nor the sero-grouping. - I do not know if the journal's guidelines allow Results and Discussion to be in the same section. - Authors should indicate at the bottom of Table 5 the meaning of the acronyms used.	- Agreed, corrections will be made accordingly - Agreed. Cases of meningitis in the already existing data were all culture confirmed. It is worth noting that the study used existing data of already culture confirmed cases of meningitis from the Disease Surveillance Department. Emphasis is certainly not placed on laboratory procedures - Author's will study journal's guidelines again to ascertain this. - Agreed, corrections will be made accordingly
Optional/General comments	In general the study is interesting.	