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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
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Title of the Manuscript:	MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS OUTBREAK (OF 2009) AMONG CHILDREN IN MAIDUGURI NORTH-EASTERN NIGERIA: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND DETERMINANTS OF OUTCOME
Type of Article:	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Please correct if there is any typo error. Line 145 :temperature>37.5 OC Table 1: residence, rural, UHD, ULD, USLP → ref is UHD, it is better to make order USLP, ULD, UHD, Rural Table 2; please check order of reference variable and other variables to make consistency. Check typo of irrational beh. Table 3: meningial irrit→ meningeal irritation (?) Please check typo and full word. Table 4: private fac→ private facility? Please Check Line 237: Please consider deleting 'in statistical terms' Line 307~312: these study findings are not consistent with previous standard regimen of drugs; if possible, please explain any reasons or literature.	Thank you for the observations 1. Corrected Temperature >37.5°C 2. Residence in table 1, re-arranged USLP, ULD, UHD, Rural. 3. In Table 2, Thank you for the observation, the "Reference" was those without fever which were only 2 patients, which had no mortality and was used as reference, corrected. "Irrational behaviour" cross-checked. 4. In table 3, meningeal irritation corrected "meningeal irritation" 5. In table 4, Private fac, corrected, "private facility" 6. On page 9, line 237 "in statistical terms" deleted 7. Line 307-312, The Gentamycin was administered along with ceftriaxone to the patients at admission before a confirmation diagnosis of meningococcal meningitis was made, soon after that usually within 72 hours, Gentamycin was dropped. Reason being that until confirmed our policy is to combine the 2 drugs. 8. NOTE: Sir we really appreciate you review as we learnt from it, especially I the corresponding author, you have mentored me so much.