Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical and prognostic features among children with Acute Encephalitis Syndrome in Nepal; a retrospective study.

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It is a retrospective study that investigated the clinical and prognostic features in Nepali children with acute encephalitis syndrome. The etiological agents were also reported in some cases. Even the manuscript had some interests, however, it is lengthy in Results and Discussion sections. These sections should be shorten and hit main points. The specific comments are as follows:

1. It is not clear what is the bad outcome at discharge. A new table shows the clinical findings of neurological sequelae found in Nepali children.

2. Page 11, Lines 192-193. A total of 38 JE cases was identified by a single serum sample. How about the rest of 10 JE cases?

3. Page 12, Lines 209-212. There were several different diagnoses for acute encephalitis syndrome in children. Please provide the criteria for thoses different diagnoses.

4. Page 13, Lines 237-245. Authors used Fever is an indicator for the duration of illness. It is not correct because treatment with antibiotics (if applicable) will reduce/stop fever; but children are still under illness.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests