Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical features, acute complications, and outcome of Salmonella meningitis in 24 children under one year of age in Taiwan

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The revised manuscript by Wu et al has substantially improved.

I have some minor comments:
-Reviewer 1 question 8: It is unclear to me if the CSF values are reported as medians with the complete range or the interquartile range as the authors suggest in response to question 8. The complete range is also fine to report, as long as it is clear what is reported.

-For the reader to be able to estimate the impact of Salmonella meningitis, the authors should mention that only a few cases occurred after 1994 in the discussion or background, as stated in the response to question 6 by reviewer 2.

-Abstract results: “had sequelae primarily relating to” should be changed to “has sequelae consisting of”

-It should be mentioned in the text that HIV infection and other risk factors for invasive disease were absent.

-Discussion page 14: The second reason for the high percentage of mild to severe adverse outcome can be omitted. The large number of patients is not a reason for the high percentage of mild to severe adverse outcome.

-Discussion page 15: ‘Conventional’ in 'conventional antibiotics' can be omitted, third generation cephalosporins are just as conventional as ampicillin nowadays.

-Table 1: change ‘third generation antibiotics’ in ‘third generation cephalosporins’

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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