Reviewer's report

**Title:** Encephalitis temporally associated with live attenuated Japanese encephalitis vaccine: Four case reports

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MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

Background
3rd paragraph: principal not principle

Case presentations
Paragraph 1, Case 4: What do you mean by “irritability, alertness and neck stiffness were also present”. If the patient was alert and not drowsy, I would suggest that it would be better to say something like “Irritability and neck stiffness were also present but the patient was alert”.

Paragraph 1, Please change wording in last sentence to: “CSF with or without serum sample collection” . (All the patients had CSF collected, so it is not an “and/or” statement).

Table 1
Please change wording to: “CSF with or without serum sample collection”. (All the patients had CSF collected, so it is not an “and/or” statement).

JEV MAC ELISA is spelt out under the table but is not included anywhere in the table. I suggest it becomes a footnote to the IgM results that “serological testing was conducted by JEV-specific IgM antibody capture enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay”

DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS

Conclusions
Suggest adding the words “possibly due to a” to the first sentence of the conclusion i.e. “might be natural JEV infection or possibly due to a traumatic lumbar puncture”

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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