Reviewer's report

**Title:** Emergence of Endemic Serogroup C Meningococcal Disease Associated with a High Mortality Rate in Hefei city, China

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**Reviewer:** Mignon du Plessis

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General comments as follows:

1. Formatting and written English is still extremely poor - the authors need to standardise font type, font size and spacing. They also need to learn how to insert line numbers. I hope they know how to use and accept the ‘track changes’ function in Microsoft Word - please check with them.

2. The stats and interpretation of the stats possibly need checking by a statistician - this is not my area of expertise.

3. The flow is problematic in places and the authors repeat themselves on occasion - each paragraph needs to be linked to a single idea/theme.

The Results section is especially problematic and difficult to follow.

4. Some tables and figures are incorrectly referred to - please double check that each table/figure is correctly mentioned in the text.

5. With regard to the authors' response to my previous comments - some of these have not been incorporated into the text i.e. authors have tried to explain in the rebuttal letter but have not included the information in the manuscript.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.