Reviewer’s report

Title: Cognitive deficits following exposure to Pneumococcal Meningitis: An Event-Related Potential study

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Kihara et al. present a well designed study and a well written paper addressing the important issue of cognitive deficits following pneumococcal meningitis. The children were tested with an event related potential paradigm and not neuropsychological tests. The major findings are that such deficits become objectively measurable as previously shown in other diseases.

Minor Essential Revisions

As shown in other meningitis studies in Africa a relatively high rate of HIV positive patients were reported. How was the percentage of HIV positive children in the study and control population?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

no competing interests