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Major Compulsory Revisions
1- Reviewer: “The detailed discussion of the capture-recapture method is still confusing to the reader because it was not actually employed in this study. I again suggest that this section be shortened (but not eliminated) in the context of limitations of the methods currently used to estimate the incidence of AFP.”
Authors: The section is shortened.

2- Reviewer: “Table 1 Why is transverse myelitis (usually an important contributor to AFP) omitted from list of causes of AFP but included in case-fatality rates for AFP cases in Figure 3?”
Authors: There were more than 20 causes of AFP reported during the study period. We enlisted the top six causes by specific diagnosis. Although transverse myelitis is an important cause of fatality from AFP, it was not among the top six causes.

Minor Essential Revisions
Figure 3: Check spelling of "myelitis"
Figure 4: Check spelling of "flaccid", "Inadequate"
Authors: All above corrected.