Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

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.

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?

Minor Essential Revisions

Figure 3: Check spelling of "myelitis"

Figure 4: Check spelling of "flaccid", "Inadequate"

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