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We have revised the introduction to add a statement about following the Helsinki Declaration and about permission from the Director of Health. We have also added in the Methods section, in the description of the sentinel programme, a statement that the sentinel doctors obtained parental consent.

The rest of the manuscript remains unchanged.

Thank you for your helpful review process and your consideration for publication of data from an ongoing operational surveillance programme.

Yours sincerely,

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