Reviewer’s report

Title: Sensorineural hearing loss in Lassa fever: a case series

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Reviewer: Vanni Mondin

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

If other, please specify:

This is an interesting case series report that needs to be improved.

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an interesting case series report but I suggest:

1) To uniform the writing style: for instance the word "sensorineural" appears frequently with the first letter in capital. Why?

2) To check carefully the reference's number in the text because not always is related to the author reported in the list [see for instance on page 5: Cummings et al(6),...].

3) To improve the discussion.
4) To check the references: they contain mistakes (see for instance ref. # 8: the authors are "Liao BS, Byl FM, Adour KK" and not "Liao BS, Byl FM") and imperfections (for instance the citations in the reference list should contain all named authors, regardless of how many there are; Journal abbreviations do not always follow Index Medicus/MEDLINE).

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.