Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Paul Onakoya

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

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:

Generally, this is an interesting report that brings to fore the importance of hearing evaluation in patients with Lassa fever. However I suggest that:

1) The authors should review the article thoroughly in order to correct all the numerous typographical errors in the article.

2) The Abstract section requires a proper review especially the introduction and conclusion parts in order to attract attention of any reader.

3) The two cases reported did not reflect the adequacy of ENT examination and audiological evaluation. I suggest the authors document the actual level of decibel hearing level at the time of evaluation and at follow up period by the ENT specialist.
4) The authors need to review the references quoted and get more for them to improve on the discussion. The references must be properly written out in accordance with the format for this journal.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests