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To the editor

Thank you for providing us with the recent reviewer comments. We do very much appreciate the reviewers evaluation of our work. We are also very pleased to read that our manuscript is now considered acceptable for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

We have responded to additional reviewer comments.

Referee 2
Reviewer comment: there are still one or two sentences that are difficult to interpret page 12 line 21 were not was
page 14 line 17 At last;;;;;;;I am not sure what this sentence means and should be omitted
Author response:
The error on page 12 (now page 13, line 2) has been corrected.
The authors agree that the sentence on page 14, line 17 could be confusing and it is therefore omitted.

Additional Editorial queries
1) Please could you clarify if formal ethical approval was needed for this study.
2) Please provide three to ten keywords representing the main content of the article.

Author response:
1) The study is retrospective and did not interfere with patient treatment during hospitalization and thus no formal ethical approval was needed.
According to Danish law, clinical retrospective studies have to be approved by the Danish Health and Medicines Authority (Sundhedsstyrelsen). The present study was approved with record no.3-3013-135/1/. This has been added to the manuscript.

2) Key words: bacterial meningitis, hydrocephalus, computed tomographic imaging, brain ventricles

Best Regards,

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