Reviewer’s report

Title: Descriptive epidemiology of cholera outbreak in Nigeria, January-November, 2018: Implications for the Global Roadmap Strategy

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I commend the authors for their point-to-point response to this reviewer's questions and comments on their original version of their manuscript on Cholera Epidemic in Nigeria.

- The authors have expanded the background of the manuscript to provide historical, social, epidemiological, and environmental trends and context in the prevention and control of cholera and any advances (the use/effectiveness of vaccines) in the control and prevention of cholera in Nigeria or at the global level. Accordingly, a historical view of cholera outbreaks in Nigeria and an overview of the introduction of oral cholera vaccines in Nigeria was added to the manuscript.

- The purpose of the study was re-articulated: "to provide the evidential-basis for public health planning and interventions aimed at actualizing the global roadmap goals -reducing deaths from cholera by 90% by 2030".
- And the research question was stated as, "What is the current epidemiology of cholera in Nigeria?"

- The study reference period has been included.
- The unique experience of prevention and control of a Cholera epidemic in Nigeria against the headwinds of elevated security challenges and flooding has been presented.

- I recommend the manuscript for consideration for publication after further discretionary review by the authors as may be necessary.

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