

**Review Form 3**

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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Asian Journal of Research in Infectious Diseases</a>   |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_AJRID_123992  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | CASE REPORT ON A RARE MENINGITIS CAUSED BY ELIZABETHKINGIA MENINGOSEPTICA IN BABY AT THE BUEA REGIONAL HOSPITAL, SOUTH WEST REGION, CAMEROON |
| Type of the Article      | CASE REPORT  |

**PART 1: Review Comments**

| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments  | Reviewer's comment  | Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i> |
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| <b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>                        | This case report provides insights into the diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes of meningitis caused by E. meningoseptica, which is often resistant to standard antibiotics. E. meningoseptica is an uncommon bacterium that causes meningitis, especially in neonates and immunocompromised individuals. Documenting a case in Cameroon adds valuable data to the global understanding of the pathogen's geographical spread and behavior. Sharing this information can aid clinicians in identifying and managing this rare infection effectively.                       |   |
| <b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>  | The title is suitable.  |   |
| <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b>   | The abstract of the case report can be written as per the CARE guidelines including a background section giving a preview of the meningitis caused by E. meningoseptica   |   |
| <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b>  | Yes.  |   |
| <b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b> | Please make sure to include the prevalence rate of E. meningoseptica causing meningitis in neonates, highlighting its rarity. Additionally, the introduction should provide more detailed information regarding the clinical manifestations, management, and outcomes of E. meningoseptica meningitis in hospital settings. Enhance the case presentation by providing more details on laboratory investigations, including reference values in a table format for clarity and better understanding. Lastly, please provide an update on the patient's follow-up to date. |   |
| <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>   | Yes. The references are recent and it is sufficient.  |   |

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| Minor REVISION comments  |  |  |
| <b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b> | Yes.   |  |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments   | The article necessitates minor revisions to enhance its robustness and clarity, thereby improving its comprehensibility and coherence. Additionally, the incorporation of visual aids such as gram-staining images and culture colonies on blood agar would serve to augment the overall visual comprehension. |  |

### **PART 2:**

|   | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>  | <b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
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| <b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b> | <i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i> |  |

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