

Supplementary Table II. Details of discarded signals (n=78)

Reason	n (%)
Signals discarded at DSU level without field verification	
Wrong ward details	16 (20.5)
Wrong date of admission	11 (14)
Healthcare worker with no contact history	3 (4)
Signals discarded at field verification	
Two deaths in a single signal due to unrelated cause	1 (1.3)
SARI cases due to TB, aspiration pneumonia, COPD	29 (37)
Referred SARI cases from another State admitted in ICUs of study hospitals	5 (6.4)
Non-infectious AFIR (SLE, TTP, drug induced)	4 (5.1)
CVA cases initial presentations mimicking AES	6 (7.7)
Malaria cases from another State	3 (4)

DSU, district surveillance unit; SARI, severe acute respiratory illness; TB, tuberculosis; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; ICU: intensive care unit; AFIR, acute febrile illness with rash; CVA, cerebrovascular accident, AES, acute encephalitis syndrome; SLE, systemic lupus erythematosus; TTP, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura