

Supplementary Table 1: Consensus case definition for nodding syndrome - Uganda, 2012[#]

Type of case	Consensus case definition
Suspected case	Reported head nodding (repetitive involuntary drops of the head towards the chest on two or more occasions) in a previously normal person
Probable case	<p>Suspected case of head nodding, with both major criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age of onset of nodding ranging from 3 to 18 years • Frequency of nodding 5–20 per minute <p>Plus at least one of the following minor criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other neurologic abnormalities (cognitive decline, school dropout because of cognitive or behavioral problems, other seizures or neurologic abnormalities) • Clustering in space or time with similar cases • Triggering by food or cold weather • Stunting or wasting • Delayed sexual or physical development • Psychiatric symptoms
Confirmed case	<p>Probable case, with documented nodding episode</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observed and recorded by a trained health-care worker, or • Videotaped nodding episode, or • Video/EEG/EMG documenting head nodding as atonic seizures

Abbreviations: EEG = electroencephalographic; EMG = electromyographic.

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in Kampala, Uganda. Meeting report available at http://www.who.int/neglected_diseases/diseases/Nodding_syndrom_Kampala_Report_2012.pdf