Reviewer’s report

Title: Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices of grade three primary schoolchildren in relation to schistosomiasis, soil transmitted helminthiasis and malaria in Zimbabwe

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Reviewer: Antonio Montresor

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The article is well written, but concern an area that has been intensively investigate and do not provide any new idea.

The main conclusions, that many misconceptions exist about the diseases investigated and that the causes of the se diseases are poorly known are not new concepts at all.

Also the poor condition of water and sanitation facilities in school are well known across Africa.

In conclusion: the study is well conducted and the article is well written. However the amount of new information is very limited.

I would suggest to publish the article in a much shorter form,

1-reducing significantly the number of the tables for example table 1, 4, 5 6, 7, 8 and 9 provide many details that are not interesting nor are used by the authors to drown conclusions. I think the main results in the tables and figures should be briefly mentioned in the text. And the tables removed.

2-Also the text is sometime unnecessary long (expecially in the discussion) and should be significantly reduced for publication.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests