Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of Ascaris Lumbricoides specific IgE on tuberculin skin test responses in children in a high-burden setting: a cross-sectional community-based study

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Very interesting paper. This article is complete, succinct, well-organized and thorough in its analysis and the authors recognize most of the potential limitations of the data and analysis.

The authors developed a hypothesis that helminth infection may affect Tuberculin response in children in an endemic area for tuberculosis and worming infections. Their data suggest the confirmation of this hypothesis despite this is a cross-sectional study.

The methods are well described, as well as the tables.

I recommend it for publication.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'