Reviewer's report

Title: Urinary cytokines in Schistosoma haematobium-infected schoolchildren from Tana Delta District of Kenya

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Minor Essential Revisions: Figure legend should be added to make their interpretation easier

Discretionary Revisions

1- Recent evidences have shown an association between Th-17 cells and bladder pathology in S. haematobium infected subjects (See Mbow M, J Infect Dis. 2013). Providing information on IL17 could be of particular interest in this case. Could the author add this information in the manuscript?

2- Have the authors taken necessary disposition to ensure that no subjects presented with a bladder infection from a bacterial origin? If so could they add this information to the method section? If not could they add a comment on why this was not the case and whether this could not be consider as a potential confounder.

These are recommendations for improvement which the author can choose to ignore. For example clarifications, data that would be useful but not essential.

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