Reviewer's report

Title: A national survey of the prevalence of schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminths in Malawi

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Reviewer: Alan Fenwick

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The authors have made all recommended revisions, but still (in my opinion) their statement about prevalence is flawed because of the missing data from high intensity areas - despite what their statistician says. I would be happy to fund the extra survey work in the Northern Lakeide region to complete their work. The negative effect that this paper would have on the ability of Malawi to attract funding for control of what I and many of my colleagues to be an important health problem makes me want it to be delayed until a full data set is available.

What next?: Reject because scientifically unsound

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes

Declaration of competing interests:

None