Reviewer’s report

Title: Intestinal parasitic infections in relation to HIV/AIDS status, diarrhea and CD4 T-cell count

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Unfortunately, since the study was conducted with limited resource, the authors were not able to provide any of the requested information (i.e. longitudinal data; levels of immune activation; correlation between immune activation and prevalence of intestinal parasitic infection) in the revised form of the manuscript. The lack of these new data reduces the level of interest of the study. Would be of great importance if the authors will design future studies in a longitudinally way, including evaluation of immune activation levels and, as suggested by Dr. Bentwich, exploring the effects of eradication of the parasites.

Despite these limitations, since the authors changed the discussion section accordingly to the reviewer criticisms, both revising their conclusion and pointing out the limits of the study, my indication is to accept the revised form of the manuscript for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

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

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