Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of praziquantel treatment of Schistosoma mansoni during pregnancy on intensity of infection and antibody responses to schistosome antigens: results of a randomised, placebo-controlled trial.

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Reviewer: Ishag Adam

Minor points

1. In the introduction, page 4 lines 5 and 4 from below the sentence the However, immune responses are normally suppressed during pregnancy [18] to allow… I suggest for the authors to reword this sentence to be as However, immune responses are modified, or altered during pregnancy [18] to allow …

2. In mid of page 8 statistical tests. The statistical tests used here are tests use for the data which are not normally distributed, so the first step to see if the data are normally distributed or not? If data are normally distributed other test should be used.

3. Here authors used correlation between two variable, although applied perfectly but this was not mention in the methods (statistic section).

4. In the same area the word significant need to be inserted.

5. In Page 13 in the discussion, this can influences the drug level and hence the efficacy too. Furthermore, enzymes that metabolize e.g. cytochrome 450 need to be added to the discussion

6. At the end of discussion, I suggest mentioning The use of Placebo during pregnancy now in 2009 would be questioned.

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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' below