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: Paulo Marcos Coelho

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Minor essential revisions: There are two articles showing clearly the limitations of the Kato-Katz method in order to evaluate the prevalence in areas of low endemicity and as a method for control of cure after chemotherapy. I suggest to add the two references below in the text:


These references could be adjusted in page 12, second paragraph after "A single stool sample has low sensitivity..."

In page 10: Levels of antibodies ...

Second sentence ... "(Fig. 3A) showed a slight decline between enrolment and six weeks post-enrolment, but this effect was not statistically significant".

If it was not statistically significant, it was not possible to establish a "slight decline". Suggestion: remove this sentence.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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 below.