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Cover letter

To: BMC public health editorial office

Subject: MS 7883754668031755, Prevalence of intestinal parasitic infections and risk factors among schoolchildren in the University of Gondar Community School, Northwest Ethiopia: a cross-sectional study

Dear editors and reviewers of BMC public health, we the authors of the manuscript really appreciate your valuable comments, criticism and suggestions. By now, our manuscript is very much improved and easily to understand the points raised. Comments and suggestion about the revised manuscript are also well taken and addressed. In addition to the publication of the manuscript, we are benefited from the review process, as it was educative. Thanks for addressing a number of important points by in-depth reading of our manuscript.

The manuscript is again revised in the light of the reviewers comment. The point-by-point response, correction and highlighted copy of the manuscript are listed below.

With best regards

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Point by point response

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Reviewer 1: Yvonne Ai Lian Lim

Dear reviewer, we the authors of the manuscript really appreciate your comments, critics and concerns about our work.

As you identified there were grammatical errors mainly of spelling, tens and parallelism. we critically seen the manuscript. To the best of our knowledge its very much improved. To mention some of the correction made the scientific names of parasites was corrected as Hymenolepis nana, Entamoeba histolytica, Trichuris trichiura, Strongloides stercoralis etc.

In order to make the conformation easier the revised manuscript is attached with this letter by indicating the points with red colour in the text.

In principle, we agree with your opinion. However, publications of the manuscript in International journal such as BMC public health are timely, very much accessible to researchers, readers and concerned authorities in Ethiopia. In addition, the information obtained from this study may be important to other poor resource countries in Africa and elsewhere in the world.
Reviewer 2: Peter Steinmann

Dear reviewer, we the authors of the manuscript really acknowledges your important comments and suggestions. We learned a lot from you. Thanks for attaching the scanned copy of the manuscript by showing how to correct the important points at the right site to make the manuscript easily understandable.

By now, we feel that the grammatical error is extensively edited and corrected. In order to make the conformation easier the revised manuscript is attached with this letter by indicating the points with red colour in the text.

Individuals who participate in collection and laboratory processing of stool were BSc Degree holders. In Ethiopian context, they are called technologists rather than technicians.

As per your suggestion, reference number 1 is changed with relatively recent reference.
Reviewer 3: Oystein Haarklaw Johansen

Dear reviewer, we the authors of the manuscript acknowledges your important comments and suggestions. They helped us to improve the quality of our manuscript.

Major compulsory revisions:

As per your suggestion, we have thoroughly seen the data tables. We tried to make table four to be clearer for reader. As you identified some calculation errors are extensively edited, the columns are properly labelled, space between number and bracket is inserted. For conformation, you can have a look at on the revised manuscript.

The columns and rows in the data tables are properly labelled, space between number and bracket is inserted. For conformation, you can have a look at on the revised manuscript.

By now, we feel that the grammatical error is extensively edited and corrected. In order to make the conformation easier the revised manuscript is attached with this letter by indicating the corrections made with red colour in the text.

Minor essential revisions

The scientific names of parasites and other mistakes were extensively edited and corrected. To mention some: *Hymenolepis nana*, *Entamoeba histolytica*, *Trichuris trichiura*, *Strongloides stercoralis*. The point on page 8 about modified acid-fast stain was also corrected for Cryptococcus species instead of C. parvum.

Discretionary revisions:

We have seen the manuscript thoroughly, as you indicated there were grammatical errors on the use of articles, prepositions, plural and singular form of nouns, tenses and spelling errors. To the best of our knowledge, we have corrected them. By now, we feel that the grammatical error is extensively edited and corrected. In order to make the conformation easier the revised manuscript is attached with this letter by indicating the corrections made with red colour in the text. Sentences that we feel they were vague such as “----higher---“were corrected by changing into more understandable terms.