Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of Intestinal Parasitic Infection and Associated Risk Factors among Schoolchildren in Gondar University Community School, Northwest Ethiopia: a cross sectional study

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The manuscript attempts to assess the prevalence of intestinal parasitic infection and associated risk factors among schoolchildren in Ethiopia. There are three major issues that the authors should consider when improving this manuscript.

Firstly, although it was mentioned in the introduction that there are currently a lack of information on the prevalence of intestinal parasitic infections in different localities and assessment of intervention outcomes, the aims of the study assessed only the prevalence of intestinal parasitic infection and associated risk factors in schoolchildren from one locality and no intervention was administered. Therefore, the aims did not fulfil the gaps of information that were initially highlighted.

Secondly, the methods are scientifically sound but there are many similar reports in the literature. Hence, the present findings are not novel but a confirmation of what others have already indicated. The findings are important especially for the local scene and therefore it is suggested it would be more appropriate to publish in a local journal. However, if the authors still wish to publish in an international journal, my suggestions are to be more comprehensive by increasing the localities of sampling sites and include an assessment of intervention outcomes. The inclusion of these aspects will add and improve the quality of the data accrued and be beneficial not only for Ethiopia but the surrounding regions.

Thirdly, major grammar and spelling errors were detected throughout the manuscript which needs serious consideration. Typographical error of parasite names should not be there or be kept to the minimal. Mistakes like this will affect the overall impression of the manuscript.

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Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.