Reviewer's report

**Title:** Concomitant malaria among visceral leishmaniasis in-patients from Gedarif and Sennar States, Sudan: a retrospective case-control study

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**Reviewer:** Luigi Gradoni

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This is an accurate and well-written case-control study investigating risk factors and clinical implications in visceral leishmaniasis (VL)/falciparum malaria co-infected patients in eastern Sudan. Because patients were hospitalized in VL-care centres, patient groups compared in the analysis were only two, co-infected and VL-only patients, but not falciparum malaria-only patients. However results are still quite informative and unique in their completeness. No revisions are required.

**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