Reviewer’s report

Title: Schistosomiasis Infection Among Primary School Students in a War Zone, Southern Kordofan State, Sudan

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Reviewer: Julie Gutman

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Minor essential revisions

Methods

1. S. mansoni should be italicized throughout- on page 7 there are still several instances where this has not been done, or where the period is missing following the “S”.

2. As previously requested, please define the cut off points for age categories in the methods- on page 5 you state “age was converted into a categorical variable using suitable cut-off points.” You have not described here what these were (per the table <8, 8-12, >12), nor what made them “suitable”.

RESULTS

3. It is still unclear to this reviewer what the relevance is of prevalence found in other studies in other countries. S. haematobium is known to be a highly focal disease.

4. On page 12, you continue to mention CAA- this would not add any information that you do not already know after looking for eggs in the urine.

5. Table 3: Age category should be less than 8 not greater than 8 and the percentage of infected students for the Middle area should be included.

6. Figure 1 Prevalence of S. haematobium infection among primary school students by geographic area, SK survey, 2009 does not add to the paper- these results are presented in the tables.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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