Reviewer’s report

Title: Epidemiology of episodic adenolymphangitis: a longitudinal prospective surveillance among a rural community endemic for bancroftian filariasis in coastal Orissa, India

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I have carefully gone through the revised manuscript submitted, While the authors has incorporated some of the suggestion, lot of things needs to be adressed and they are listed below.

Abstract 10th line the filarial pathology should be replace by chronic disease since the authors did not study filarial pathology. It appears that none of the author has any medical backgrounds and therefore many statements and words makes no sense. It could be advised to author to visit our centre for 2-3 days and we will help him to rewrite.

Background. Need to be rewritten by directly stating that the acute attacks of ADL is one of the symptomps of Filarial disease

Methods; 8th line "The district experienced how could district experince? the author should write directly such as one round of MDA was given in this district.

Data collection: 9 th line As there are no.... Not clear. the author should describe the present criteria for diagnosis used.

Page 5 Frequency and duration of of acute episode First sentence is 5 lines long and episodes repeated so many times that it is very difficult to read.

There are so many irrelavent statement that many important message get lost. It require clarity in terms of analysis and presentation. I happen to know the author who is by training is a sociologist and definitely do not understand epidemiology pathology and clinical symptopms. Even though it contain some good information they need to be presented in its proper perspective. I will be ready to help him but definitely I can not re write the paper. In present form I donnt recomend for publication.