Reviewer's report

Title: A cross sectional study of Schistosoma japonicum prevalence in 50 villages of Samar Province, the Philippines.

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Reviewer: Robert Spear

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General
My summary comment on the original version of this paper was that "Overall, the authors present a good case for the importance of village as a risk factor for the intensity of schistosomiasis infection, but give little insight into what village level factors might be responsible for this outcome." The authors response to this observation was to say that their intent was merely to report that village was an important risk factor, not to explain it and that to do so would be the objective of future reports. The other referees seem not to be bothered on this point and if they and the editors feel that this finding on its own is deserving of publication, I certainly do not object. The authors' response to other of my earlier comments was generally similar, that the details would be the subject of future reports. I look forward to them.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No