Reviewer's report

Title: Prevention, control, and elimination of neglected diseases in the Americas: Pathways to integrated, inter-programmatic, inter-sectoral action for health and development

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General

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

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

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The authors of this important paper should be commended for their approach to an important public health problem in Latin America dealing with neglected diseases. Diseases of the poor, diseases of the forgotten, social diseases that prevail do to inattention of policymakers, national health programs, and the world...

This paper is a welcomed additons to the growing literature dealing with diseases that constitute the biological expression of poverty and that translate in a everlasting chronic vicious circle between underdevelopment and worsening health status.

My recommendation to the Editorial office is to accept the paper with perhaps a discretionary revision to try to reduce the first two sections dealing with the background information. I feel that these sections are wordy and perhaps can make them a little shorter. Other than this, I have no additional comments to this important manuscript

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'