Reviewer's report

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Minor essential revisions
1. Page 8, lines 13-14. Included here is a parenthetical statement that appears to be a comment from one of the authors. This comment should be edited to be included into the text of the manuscript.

2. This manuscript throughout discusses "sensitivity" and "specificity" of the ultrasound evaluations. I believe that this is not an appropriate use of these terms, as there is no follow-up evaluation to see if the patients without findings (disease) ultimately developed disease. What is really being evaluated is the concordance and discordance between the Rwandan physician ultrasound findings and those of the expert US ultrasonographer. This terminology should be corrected throughout the manuscript.

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.