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POINT BY POINT REPLY TO THE EDITOR’S

First, we would like to thank the editor’s for their careful evaluation of our work, for all the important suggestions and edits, and for their positive overall evaluation of our manuscript entitled “Evaluation of real-time PCR assay for detecting Schistosoma mansoni infections in a low endemic setting”.

Please find below a point-by-point reply to all criticisms that were raised.

EDITOR’S:

"Thank you for addressing the comments raised by the reviewers. However, the manuscript requires proper presentation using correct phrases and English words. The structure of the text is somehow not well presented like several fragmented paragraphs that many need to be combined."

**Answer:** We reviewed the English as it was suggested.

Editorial Requirements:

“Please confirm if it was written informed consent that was obtained from the patients (or parents/guardian in cases where the participant is a minor)”.

**Answer:** We add the sentences listed below to the text:

“In accordance with the Brazilian regulations on human subjects research, a written informed consent was obtained from each participant. For subjects under 18 years of age, the written informed consent was obtained from the parents or legal guardians”.