Reviewer’s report

Title: Stepwise approach for the control and eventual elimination of Taenia solium as a public health problem

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This is an important topic in its field and could have a huge impact on the number of infections caused by Taenia solium in a number of countries.

The stepwise approach that you suggest in your article would be a great step forward in addressing Taenia solium as a public health problem. I think it will be useful if you can scope out in your article how you think this will happen, perhaps you can suggest some SMART country level control targets that could be adopted by certain groups of countries eg using the ODA classifications (least developed and other low income countries). I suggest you provide a lot more discussion about your specific stepwise goal and how you believe it can be implemented in a few countries rather than simply listing the steps in your discussion.

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