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Dear editor

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Thank you so much for your helpful assessment and comments on our manuscript entitled “Prevalence of Intestinal Parasites and Associated Risk Factors among Inmates of Mekelle Prison, Tigray Region, Northern Ethiopia, 2017”
We are thankful for your great effort, commitment and time spend to review the manuscript. We also appreciated the reviewers for their interest in our manuscript, and for all of their helpful assessments and comments. In addition, we believe that all of your advice and comments are mandatory for our manuscript scientific quality. We have attempted to understand your requested comments and general instructions for the manuscript. So we have revised the paper based on your comments and advice.

Please find below the point-by-point responses and the general corrections for the manuscript.

Sincerely,

Fitsum Mardu Landu (MSc), Corresponding Author

Editor comments

Comment 1: Please format your abstract under the following headings:

• Background
• Methods
• Results
• Conclusions
• Keywords

Response: we formatted as requested

Comment 2: As some study participants are children (under 16 years of age), please clarify whether consent to participate was collected from the parents/guardians. –if consent from guardians was obtained please provide details of how they are informed about the study and how consent was delivered to the study coordinators.

Response: for participants under 16 years of age, we asked for consent from their guardians. The prison administration officers were responsible for informing the aforementioned participants about the purpose and relevance of the study. So, the study co-coordinators got the assent form the prison administration officers.
Comment 3: At this stage, please upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any track changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs, or text in different colours. All relevant tables/figures/additional files should also be clean versions.

Response: we upload our clean manuscript and table as separate files.

Reviewer reports

If improvements to the English language have been requested, you should have your manuscript reviewed by someone who is fluent in English.

Response: In revising our manuscript, we read the free assistance from your English language tutorial and your Writing resources.