Reviewer’s report

Title: Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices on Schistosomiasis and Soil-Transmitted Helminths among Caregivers in Ingwavuma area in uMkhanyakude District, South Africa

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This is an interesting study that sort to find out the reasons behind the continued transmission of these parasitic infections regardless of so much information being available. KAP and behaviour is key to the success of managing to control and eliminate such infections that are WASH related. The authors gave a clear account of the findings, however there are a few presentation challenges that have been observed and require to be corrected.

If the abbreviation is KAP this cannot be defined as Knowledge Practice and Perception, this requires correction

Similarly School going children cannot be abbreviated as SAC

The expression describing data analysis need to be corrected or expressed in full where the authors say the data was analysed using SPSS and thematically. What does this mean? Some expression even though qualified need to be simple and straight forward like below average. What is below average?

Further I would recommend that the use of abbreviation in the abstract be removed and terms are used in full.

One major challenge throughout the manuscript is proper using of English language just as an example where lines89-90 repetiton of study in the sentence

for at most for 5 years....

line 176 could describe the life cycle...

Further the authors need to be consistent in usage of terms like caregivers or guardians.

Generally this is an interesting aspect of work reporting in detail an aspect usually missed and outlined clearly. However care must be taken in the presentation on typos and English usage.

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