Reviewer’s report

Title: No evidence of decline in malaria burden from 2006 to 2013 in a rural province of Gabon: implications for public health policy

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The authors have largely addressed the criticisms and improved the article.

Minor revision: the authors misunderstood my comment on their use of the symbol 0/00 and variants to indicate the incidence or prevalence rate. This symbol is not normally used in English language literature and should be replaced by 'per 1000' or '/1000'.

Regarding the issue of quality of microscopy: the authors have addressed this with a statement about the lack of systematic quality control of slide readings. They might consider the implementation of a malaria diagnostic lab quality assurance programme as part of their public health policy recommendations.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests.

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.