Reviewer’s report

Title: Are pit latrines in urban areas of Sub-Saharan Africa performing? - A review of usage, filling, insects and odour nuisances

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A good and well-written article based on a synthesis of literature review of use of pit latrines in urban areas of sub-Saharan Africa. I have not come across a paper that deals with this important topic to such a scope and detail, so it is a worthwhile effort.

A few comments for consideration:

1. I could not view Tables 1-5;

2. The material in the 'Discussion' Section is actually a summary of what was presented in the earlier section, which ironically had some discussion points. Hence, it is suggested that the section on 'Results' be renamed 'Results and Discussion', while the so-called 'Discussion' Section be merged with the conclusion and renamed 'Summary and Conclusion'.

3. The abstract would benefit from a proof reading, to correct some typographical errors.

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