Reviewer’s report

Title: Informed consent procedure in a double blind randomized anthelminthic trial on Pemba Island, Tanzania: do pamphlet and information session increase caregivers knowledge?

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Reviewer: Sarah Wood

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It remains difficult to thoroughly assess the article with the English as is and some of the wording is pejorative at times. Additionally, a few other clarifying statements should be added to fully address the issues previously raised by the second reviewer.

I have provided some examples below, which are not exhaustive.

Misuse of apostrophes, e.g., lines 59, 70.

Missing articles and conjunctions, e.g., lines 74 and 80.

Line 84: The sentence beginning with "Moreover" needs to be reorganized for clarity.

Line 90: Same as above; as written this is not clear.

Line 105: A sentence on the literacy issue should be included. It was not assessed, which must be disclosed. It should also be reported how many caregivers used thumbprints instead of signing.

Line 134: Information on the questionnaires is not clear. It appears from the attachment they were completed by staff via an interview. If so, state this so the reader is not worried that the literacy issue further confounded the data.

Line 140: How were caregivers' ages estimated?

Line 149: Who were the interviewers? In what language were participants and caregivers interviewed?

Line 187: This paragraph needs to be edited. "All reported to drink water from" doesn't make sense when you have different percentages of reported answers.

Line 191: The issue of literacy must again be mentioned and the wording of the paragraph could again be improved.

Line 224-225: The wording comes across as pejorative. Avoid saying they "did not understand it properly."

Lines 230-232: Same issue as above.

Line 246: Keep the wording factual - we don't know if the engagement with caregivers was "proper," but we do know information sessions were small and allowed for increased engagement with
caregivers.

Line 310: Again, "properly" should be removed and replaced.

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