Reviewer’s report

Title: Aflatoxin Exposure in Children Age 6 – 12 Years: A Study Protocol of a Comparative Randomized Cross-sectional Study in Kenya, East Africa

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Strengths: The role of aflatoxins in causing disease and their effects on the outputs (micronutrient deficiency, immune suppression and growth impairment) are important areas of research. The impact of aflatoxins on human disease is clear.

Weaknesses: There are several cofounders that affect the outputs listed above that cannot be separated from aflatoxin exposure in this study: poverty, rainfall, ethnicity and possibly ambient temperature (although temperature details not given for Makueni county).

It is not clear how this study advances significantly on that provided in ref 21.

There is no randomization in the study, despite this being in the title.

There are many typographical errors which make the article difficult to read. Indeed much of the discussion is written in the second person.

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