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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Reviewer: Angela Carberry

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Dear Authors,

This paper is very comprehensive and overall reads well. However, there is confusion with the tense, in some sections it is written as the study has already been conducted and in other sections it is written as though the study is yet to start, can you please check and update accordingly.

few minors edits:

Page 6 line 113 - 'minimal risk, randomised, multi-centre, cross-sectional and school-based' does not match with Page 6 123 'The study design is a school based cross sectional study'?

Page 17, line 326 - Is windy the correct word here?

Page 19 line 381 - suggest change to 'the study administrators are not ethically allowed to contact participants in the future' ?

Page 19, line 383 - please include why May, June July may not guarantee high aflatoxin exposure, is this because the weather is drier?

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