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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>In this paper, the author/s have studied a Geographical Distribution of Soil Transmitted Helminths and Plasmodium falciparum co-infections among school children in Bugesera District, Rwanda. The authors conducted survey among children between ages 5 and 18 years, across 21 randomly selected primary schools. Stool samples were collected and screened for soil transmitted helminths using Kato-Katz, while finger-prick blood samples were examined under the microscope to determine Plasmodium infection. The results are interesting and the paper is well written. This paper is of some research significance. However, some explanations are not clear and further investigation is needed to carryout.</p> <p>(1) I would suggest the author/s to extend the conclusion more with key results and future recommendations and remarks that is the author/s should open room for future research. In addition the authors must explain the contribution of the manuscript over and above the state of art and established it significasnce.</p> <p>(2) The references are not properly cited or listed strictly the author/s must address the following points:</p> <p>(a) The references numbered as 1. 2. 3. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 11. 12. 13. 21. 23. 28. 29. 30. 31. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37., and 38 are in the list but not cited.</p> <p>(b) Line 210 correct reference number 14. 14. Repeated</p> <p>(c) Line 215 to 216 references 15. And 16. Are to be written</p> <p>(d) Line 255 the references 26. Is to be written.</p> <p>(e) Line 275 correct reference number 32. 29. To be corrected</p> <p>(f) Line 282 the references 35. Is to be written.</p> <p>(g) Line 283 correct reference number 36. 30. To be corrected</p> <p>(h) Line 286 correct reference number 37. 31. To be corrected</p> <p>(i) Line 288 correct reference number 38. 32. To be corrected</p> <p>(j) Line 111-112 the sentence " The STH results of this study are similar with previous study conducted in the same district but with a significant reduction in the respective prevalence" [22]. Reference [22] is not the right to be cited</p> <p>(k) Generally check all the references the listing and citations.</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>1- Line 31-33 the sentence "<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> remains the foremost rife Plasmodium within the WHO African Region, causing 99.7% of the cases, and 50% within the South East Asia Region. Need to be cited.</p> <p>2- Line 73 the sentence Overall, 5.35 % of....., (the percentage 5.35 % has to be shown somewhere in table 2.)</p> <p>3- All the tables and figures has to be referred to because some of the figures are hanging without being connected to some discussions, and some results are quoted but not referred to relevant figure or table: For example sentence line 85-86 "<i>P. falciparum</i> was common throughout the study area, with highest prevalence in provinces of Nyiragiseke (22.78%) and Shami (18.99%)"The author need to add as shown in table 2. And vice versa</p>	
Optional/General comments		

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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