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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		
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments	The paper is good, as it exposes the risks of HAT as contributed by interactions and complexity of both social, economical, political issues. The paper highlights that HAT knows no gender, cities or rural areas, farmers, miners, traders etc. This calls for involvement of all stakeholders in the fight against HAT epidemiology through minimizing or elimination of all factors that exposes one to contacts with infected tsetse flies and thus the risks of contracting HAT 1. The sentence in Lines 160 to 163 "Unfortunate penalties" I think should be deleted, because goes beyond the scope of this paper. Again this paragraph 2.5 Economy (lines 171 to 180) should be rewritten or deleted because, the way it is, is beyond the scope of this paper 2. The author mixes the HAT in English and THA in French which means HAT in English. Hence the author should change all THA to read HAT in lines 240, 245, 343, 347,354, 410, 441,461 because the journal language is English 3. Line284. The sentence "The average age of the trypanosomes, I think <u>trypanosomes</u> should be replaced with <u>subjects/interviewees</u> and so is line 303	As authors we are appreciative of your positive comments. Corrections were made wherever such mix-up was found in the previous version of the manuscript. Thank you for pointing out the error of using THA as an acronym instead of HAT. We have corrected these errors everywhere they were listed. We made the requested changes in the (former) lines 282 and 303 of the manuscript: Error in old line 282 has been corrected in new lines 375-376: The average age of the HAT cases was 33.5 years (SD = 12.8 years). Error in old Line 303 has been corrected in new lines 393-394: 68.3 per cent of the HAT cases has achieved the level of secondary school.