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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	1. What are the inclusion criteria for children who were included in the study? 2. How do you determine the sample size of school children included in the study (one hundred)? 3. Line 216 to 218: this sentence is an affirmation because there are any results to confirm this assertion. The author must give the prevalence before and after implementation of mass drug distribution in these districts. 4. Line 227. What is this high prevalence? Line 229. Does the author do a parasitological study to determine the prevalence when he says “there was an immediate response through mass treatment in the areas where we found high prevalence of bilharzia”? If not, he must give the data of literature to confirm what he says. 5. In table 1: before the last line, it is written “Side	Children who had learnt about Bilharzia in class, have participated in PZQ drug administration exercise, were willing to participate and their parents had signed consent forms. Sample of children were not pre-determined in this qualitative study. In the article we report the total number of children who met the criteria above. The statistics are problematic in themselves given that there are many hidden interests in the mass drug administration exercise. And also, those who receive Praziquantel do not necessarily use them. In this regard, we delete the sentence in the revision. We collected specimen from the participating schools and prevalence was higher than the average 24.6% from the national survey (see Kabatereine et al. 2004).



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	effects of PZO and community response": PZO must be changed to PZQ. 6. Definitions, acronyms and abbreviations USAID, OR, FGD,	PZO has been replaced with PZQ USAID: United States of America International AID OR: or (but this has been replaced with a more appropriate word). FGD: Focus Group Discussion
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	In terms of control (prevention and treatment), the results of this study could help the MOH to readapt its strategies in this schistosomiasis endemic area.	This is one of the recommendations that we propose for the Ministry of Health