

Editor's Comment:

The intestinal parasites cause a very serious problem for public health. For this reason, to give an idea about the prevalence of these parasites is good in order to survey, to control and to treat them.

After reviewing this manuscript, I have few comments:

1- check correct spelling of specific parasite names.

2- many spelling mistakes

3- Question about *Entamoeba histolytica*: the authors didn't mention in the text the stage that observed by microscope: trophozoite or cyst.

By using the mentioned methods, How they identify this parasite, especially when there are no red blood cells in the trophozoites?

To write *E. histolytica* is not correct because there are more than one species of *Entamoeba* not distinguishable by morphology alone (*E. histolytica*/*E. dispar*/ *E. moshkovskii*) only *E. histolytica* is pathogenic.

4- Question about the positive samples: the authors mentioned in the text "Out of the 300 faecal samples examined, a total of 127 (42.3%) were found to be infected with one or more parasites".

But when they presented the: Prevalence of gastrointestinal parasites in relation to age and sex, Prevalence of gastrointestinal parasites in relation to the selected schools; and Prevalence of Gastro-intestinal parasites in relation to single and co-infection ...etc they only mentioned 110 samples! So where are the rest of positive samples (17) ?

5- in the Discussion section, the authors mentioned the prevalence of intestinal parasites in different countries. Question: is Ref 19 who mentioned these prevalence percent

"[19] reported 13.8% and 22.4% in Turkey, 38.7% in Oman, 10.94% in Saudi Arabia and 24.4% Gaza 24.5% and 27.6%, Tehran 18.4% and in Cambodia 25.7% [19]" ?

My conclusion is: accepted after doing revision and explaining the points mentioned above.

I think it is better to indicate reference for each country (ex: Tehran: nb of tested samples then prevalence percent "REF"; Gaza: nb of tested samples then prevalence percent "REF".....etc)

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