



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_32787
Title of the Manuscript:	EFFECTS OF FEMALE GENITAL SCHISTOSOMIASIS IN REPRODUCTIVE TRACT OF WOMEN ATTENDING KWALE HOSPITAL IN KWALE COUNTY, KENYA.
Type of Article:	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
1. This statement "bleeding disturbances, abdominal-pelvic pain, painful sexual intercourse, uterine fibroids, spontaneous abortion, cervical cancer and increased risk for transmission of HIV" which appears in the abstract section does not appear in the introduction with its reference. Incorporate this in the introduction section with its citation so that it forms part of the abstract. 2. The study design should be cross-sectional and not case-control study. Your primary outcome of interest in this case is genital morbidity. This could have been a case control study if you picked women with genital morbidity (Cases) and without genital morbidity (control) then examined their exposure status by testing them for urinary schistosomiasis, then compare rates of infection(exposure) among the cases and exposure rate among the control, this is different in this case. 3. In your response to the previous comment on the study design, you mention gynaecological complaint as a dependent variable, while you assessed the presence of genital morbidity and analysed the association between S.h infections with genital morbidity. This signifies that, your primary outcome of interest was not gynaecological complaint but rather genital pathology. 4. In the discussion section, instead of re-stating the results, just dwell on discussing the results. E.g. line 200 5. Check the references to make sure that the format is consistent throughout the reference section. Take a particular note on the year of publication, if it should follow the author's name let it be so throughout.	The statement "bleeding disturbances, abdominal-pelvic pain, painful sexual intercourse, uterine fibroids, spontaneous abortion, cervical cancer and increased risk for transmission of HIV" has been included in the introduction section and referenced. This correction has been made; see ms The correction in line 200 has been made; see ms Consistency in the references section has been established.