



**SDI Review Form 1.6**

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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>                                                                                                      |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_IJTDH_35669                                                                                                                                                              |
| Title of the Manuscript: | <b>A Comparative Study of Gastrointestinal Parasites among Secondary School Students in the Rural and Urban Communities of Makurdi Local Government Area of Benue State</b> |
| Type of the Article      | <b>Original article</b>                                                                                                                                                     |

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                     | Reviewer's comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Author's comment <i>(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)</i>                                                                 |
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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <p><b>Improve the English writing. The standard of reference style is not as per the standard of journal. Improve the discussion part with the factors responsible for the parasite prevalence, area wise. Authors reported the <i>Fasciola hepatica</i> and F .buski, No where in the discussion part explored the route cause of infection, How they identified the eggs at species level, atleast provide the figures of the ova/cyst along with the measurement.</b> Authors concluded the study based on the findings in general. They must provide the deworming strategies adopted by the health, school and parents. As the previous published reports showed the prevalence from the same area.</p> <p><b>Please clarify the ethical issue if any. Ethical permission must be there.</b></p> | <p>The standard of reference style is now the standard of the journal</p> <p>Species level was not identify as corrections have been effected</p> <p>Result was given to the students for onward deworming.</p> <p>Ethical permission was given.</p> |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments      | Marked correction in the pdf file,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments    | The manuscript is very valuable from public health significance. Discussed literature showed prevalence of parasitic infection from the region but to reduce these further, not only recommendation rather it should be implemented in true spirit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | thanks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |