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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	**1.** Add Nigeria to key words. **2.** Check correct spelling of specific parasite names. **3.** Review for correct statements lines 23-25: …hands come into contact with the mouth by skin penetration….? **4.** Lines 29-31: on intensity of infection? On host nutrition status? On underlying illnesses? Age? Etc. **5.** Line 39: in red?? 6. Check line 54 for correct spelling of temperature. **7.** Reasons for choosing the study area? Descriptions of study areas? **8.** What type of study is this? **9.** How were children chosen? What kind of sampling method was used? **10.** What are the area characteristic descriptions (urban vrs rural) **11.** Methods for stool examination require better detailed explanations. What methods? How many? Reference? Performed by whom? Same laboratory and same personnel examining stools? Any quality control? **12**. What kind of demographic information? **13**. Where was the laboratory located in relation to the study site? **14.** When were samples collected, how many per day and how were they kept and transported? **15.** Table 1 should present demographics of participants both from urban and rural schools. **16**. What is meant by hookworm 19.7%?? Why write *Ancylostoma* 3.1%? Were worms recovered and identified to species? Explain terminology. **17.** Check spelling of parasite names. Example: Tania??? **18.** Since there were rural and urban schools, data on all information obtained have to be presented comparatively in Tables, including all four schools and age and sex of parasitized participants. **19.** what does it mean to be a farmer or to be a civil servant? What are the differences? Any data on education of parents? Family size? Income? **20.** Once more, all data in Tables require comparisons urban vrs rural??? Example, in Table 5, 80 had tap water, who and where are those students from? Rural? Urban? **21**. Once the Methodology and the Results are presented in a more detailed form, the Discussion may require revisiting. **NOTE**: Explain what was called *Entamoeba histolytica*. How was this parasite identified? On what grounds? **22.** Line 153: statement may not be quite true. Revise. **23.** Line 156: not true. Did not show anything.	

	24. Conclusions instead of Recommendations. **25.** References according to journal specifications. **26.** Abstract has to be better organized. **Please clarify the ethical issue if any.** **Nothing is mentioned regarding attending parasitized participants. What was done?**	
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments		

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