

Editor's Comment:

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Please find the attachment and do the needful.

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1. One reviewer suggested to author to insert the study background in the abstract section, however it is still not inserted. Authors are suggested to improve the abstract with the background of the study.
2. Authors explain the objective of the "Balombo Project" but they did not explain the objectives of their study. It is advised to explain all the objectives which have focused in this study.
3. The biggest query is about the segregation of age group.
 - Children <5 years of age (Under 5 of "U5"),
 - Children 2-9 years of age ("2- 9 y")
 - Children <15 years old (Under 15 or "U 15)**In the above all age groups the children come under 15.**
This query is already asked by one reviewer and the author tried to explain to it but it is still not clearly described in the manuscript.

The author tried to explain that newer term "malariometric survey" has a more precise meaning and refers to the measurement of the amount of malaria by the use of spleen and parasite rates determined on comparatively small random samples of the population, often restricted to young age groups. These surveys assess the distribution and degree of malaria". For such a purely descriptive study of assessment situation 7 age groups could be considered (WHO, 1963) where we can underlined **"2- 4 years = toddlers; 5-9 years = juveniles and 10-14 years= adolescents"**.

I also support the pervious reviewer in this regard and it is suggested that **age group of children should be segregated in to three groups of 0-4, 5.0-10 and 10-15 years of age"**.

It is also suggested that the all the analysis should be done on the basis of this age segregation.

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