



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_43809
Title of the Manuscript:	Prevalence of Soil-Transmitted Helminthes among School Pupils in Gia and Kajelo communities in the Kassena-Nankana East and West District in the Upper West Region of Ghana Using Direct Wet Mount technique and Formol-Ether Concentration Technique.
New Title of the Manuscript:	Prevalence of Soil-Transmitted Helminthes among School Pupils in the Upper East Region of Ghana Using Direct Wet Mount technique and Formol-Ether Concentration Technique.
Type of Article:	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The author(s) have successfully addressed most of the issues that were raised from the previous review. However, there are still some major issues that have not been adequately addressed. These are; Major compulsory revision - The headings within table 2, 3 and 4 need to be formatted correctly. - Using tables and appropriate statistical tests, also present and compare the overall prevalence of soil-transmitted helminths between the different age groups, the sexes and the two primary schools. This must be addressed otherwise you have not exhaustively addressed the first objective of your study, which was to determine the prevalence of the STH among the pupils. - Lines 260 - 270: the author(s) stated that other studies comparing the 2 techniques have been performed but provided just one citation. Which are the other studies? Add these citations to the ones already stated. - Also discuss the variation of the prevalence of STH with age and sex. Minor revision - Line 10: delete prevalent. "school-age" is one word. Correct this throughout the manuscript. - Line 21: ...direct wet mount method... - Lines 26 – 28: not clear, rephrase sentence. - Line 88: Are the ages in years or months? - Line 103: ...take the specimen... - Line 129: lower power (10x) - Line 188: do you mean prevalence of soil-transmitted helminths in Kajelo community?	Duly formatted The research was not aimed at stratifying the prevalence according to age and sex hence the authors are of the view that the results should be maintained as such. It has been stated All corrections duly effected.