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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	<p>This is an interesting descriptive manuscript about the distribution of Biomphalaria snail as a risk factor for schistosomiasis transmission in Uganda. However there are many comments and recommendations to improve the manuscript:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Redaction is required in some parts of the manuscript (indicated in the PDF version of the manuscript attached). 2. The text of the figure should be self-explicative. 3. I think the authors should select only the proper figures and tables to show the relevant results. 4. I would be interesting additional studies to look for snails in deeper water. 5. I think authors should use updated references. 6. In general this work has relevant epidemiological information to local policymakers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reductions have been made in the areas highlighted in pdf track changes – The texts of figure 1 have been properly rewritten – Figures and tables recommended for deletion have been deleted and text adjusted accordingly. – We intend to conduct another study that will incorporate the lapses in the previous study (which was a masters project with time and financial construnces). – We opted to use mainly references from studies that were conducted in the study area. However, over three decades of political insecurity impaired research work in this region leaving a huge gap. Swift access to current publications is still a challenge for many of our institutions. – We thank the reviewer for the comments that have improved the quality of our paper.
Minor REVISION comments		
Optional/General comments		