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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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>In abstract and at row 122-123 it is written that the effect of Septrin probably is by increased immunity which is wrong. Septrin (co-trimoxazol) is not improving immunosuppression, but can have an effect on the parasites. Co- trimoxazol is often given only to HIV patients with high level of immunosuppression.</p> <p>For the HIV patients data need to be added on level of immunosuppression (CD4 cell count and clinical stage according to WHO) and if they are on treatment with antiretroviral drugs.</p> <p>The study shows a relative low prevalence of coccidian parasites and the value is strongly reduced by not having controls. Before it can be proved that the detected parasites are a probable cause of diarrhoea it needs to be shown that the prevalence is higher than among controls. The HIV patients without diarrhoea could have been tested as controls and it would also be of interest to study the prevalence in the healthy population. . Text is missing at row 102-103</p>	<p>Statement corrected</p> <p>CD4 cell count was not done, patients were selected randomly without considering clinical staging.</p> <p>Controls were done and have been included.</p>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p>Use the generic name co-trimoxazole instead of Septin (trade name) I suppose most at age 40-69 do not want to be named elderly</p>	<p>Changed Changed</p>
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		