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Title of the Manuscript:	THE PREVALENCE OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS AMONG PUPIL IN NASARAWA TOTO, NORTH CENTRAL NIGERIA.
Type of the Article	Research Paper

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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	• Under subtitle: STATISTICAL ANALYSIS (Line 94), the author did not describe the statistical program and version used for statistical analysis . • Considering the statistical tests of significance, the author did not show the P values with the results In the discussion the author compared to one study conducted in South Darfur State, Sudan without citation both in the text and in the reference list: to females 52.1% among Alofia and Abuselala communities in south Darfur State, south western region of North Sudan (Line 141) • The conclusion in the abstract (Line 26) and the final statement at the end of the discussion (Lines 160-161) seem to be contradicting. As the author in the former recommended eradication while in the latter recommended control of Schistosomiasis. • The author stated that About 250 samples were collected, 192 for 80 urine and 58 for stool samples randomly from classes 1-5. (Lines 79-80) • The title is informative but need some correction.	



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	THE PREVALENCE OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS AMONG PUPIL IN NASARAWA TOTO, NORTH CENTRAL NIGERIA.(Lines 3 & 4) • The author described the Study Design in the abstract as: Investigative study.(Line 10) • The methodology as described in the abstract is inadequate and some important components are missing (Lines 14-15). • It is suggested that the title will be corrected as follows: THE PREVALENCE OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS AMONG PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN -NASARAWA TOTO, NORTH CENTRAL NIGERIA. • It is not clear for me what is this investigative study design. This design is descriptive study design. • The author is advised to improve the methodology in the abstract through precise description of some important elements such as samples collection and investigations. • The author is advised to state the recommendation based on the findings of the study and thus control of Schistosomiasis is more feasible than eradication. • The question is : How the sample size was estimated? How the sample subjects were drawn? The author is advised to state clearly which statistical formula was used for estimation of the sample size? Which sampling technique was used to draw the pupils in order to ensure that the sample was representative for the parent population?	
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	• The author is advised to describe the statistical program and its version used for statistical analysis • The author is advised to show the P value of the results (below each of the cross tables). • The author is advised to cite the study of South Darfur State, Sudan both in the text and in the reference list.	
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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	• Line (8):This study was aimed • Line (36): Schistosomiasis occur • Line (75): The study population was made up of school children • Line (83): Each pupil were given a clean dry well labeled specimen • Line (92): Deposit were examined for the presence of parasites. • The references are correctly cited in the text and in the list. However one reference in the list is incompletely cited: World Health Organization (2007): Microbiology notes; Schistosomiasis. Microbiology Bytes Pub.(Line 175) • The correct is: This study aimed • The correct is : Schistosomiasis occurs • The author is advised to correct the statement as follows: The study population was composed of school children • I suggest the statement to be as follows: Each pupil was given a clean dry well labeled specimen • I suggest: Deposits were examined for the presence of parasites	
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