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PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	2012 IJTDH 2732
Title of the Manuscript:	Visceral leishmaniasis (Kala Azar) elimination from Indian sub-continent by 2015?

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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	The topic that the review attempted to address is very important for better understanding the disease and planning control/elimination. However, the review is severely flawed by lack of organization and is poorly written, which frequently distracted the reviewer from appreciating the manuscript. A few of such flaws are listed below, and the list is not exhaustive.	_____
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	1. Line 17. Missing period after the sentence. 2. Line 27. "is 500,000" to "of 500,000". 3. Line 29. "have been affected" to "have affected". 4. Line 33. What's "the Goal in South East Asia"? It was never stated prior in the text. Perhaps a reference? 5. Line 35. Why capitalize "K" in keywords. 6. Line 38. What's the purpose of the "shortlist"? And where is the "shortlist" (table, figure?)? 7. Line 40. Shouldn't it be "Why is Visceral Leishmaniasis a candidate for elimination?"? 8. Line 41. "goal of elimination of Kala azar" to "goal of eliminating Kala azar". 9. Multiple places. Italicize "Kala azar" or not, please keep it consistent. 10. Line 42 and other places. Please define acronyms when first time used. What's "SEAR"? 11. Line 43. Species name should be italicized. "<i>Leishmania donovani</i>", "<i>Phlebotomus argentipes</i>" 12. Line 59. Grammar error: "major tolls ... comes from Bihar..." to "major tolls ... come from	Revised Revised Revised Revised to Goal in Indian Subcontinent Revised Revised Revised Revised Revised Revised Revised



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	Bihar...". 13. Line 60. "last few year" to "last few years" 14. Line 61. "(Figure 1)" should be placed within the period. 15. Line 67. "first step which decline" to "the first step that decreased" 16. Lines 82-84. No need to boldface four phases. 17. Line 149. "notified disease" to "notifiable disease". The authors propose to designate VL as a notifiable disease here, but provide no rationale or further discussion in the same paragraph. 18. Line 215. This section is supposed to address the need for vaccine, but only spends the first four sentences on this topic before digressing to other topics in the next two paragraphs.	Revised Revised Revised Revised Revised Revised
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		