



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	MS: 2012 IJTDH 2662
Title of the Manuscript:	Disease severity and common etiology of diarrhoea among children under-five in Mirzapur, rural Bangladesh.

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
1. The extensive intro highlighted is not needed and was not the point of introducing the updated references it doesn't add but distracts from the paper. 2. I realize that the definition for MDS was <i>a priori</i> but that doesn't mean the authors aren't able to stratify by cases that had "only" blood in stool and those with blood that would have also qualified for other criteria. To say that 76% had dysentery and then that you found high rates of shigella is not surprising. Fine to not change inclusion criteria but authors should show only blood and those who would have qualified for other reasons in the MDS so at least the reader can see the severity of the dysentery cases. 3. Mild disease still needs to be defined explicitly in the paper. I don't see how this has been corrected in this way. 4. The second paragraph of the discussion what we rewritten are not clear.	1. Many thanks for your suggestion. Necessary correction and editing have been incorporated 2. Many thanks for your queries and suggestions. Necessary information has been added in the result section. 3. Many thank for your comment. Definition of MD has now been added in the method section. 4. Many thanks for your review and suggestion. Necessary modification has been done.