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Type of the Article	Review Article

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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	• Need to demonstrate the relationship between VL elimination and the attainment of millennium development goal in the manuscript. The main body and conclusion has nothing to do with the millennium development goals. It should. • Line 11 should be written to be clear as to whether it is in reference to the total number of VL cases or something different all together. • While it is implied in line 12 that the burden is much higher than estimated and thus casting doubts on elimination, the authors in line 13 state that the number of VL reported cases has decreased drastically. In	The revised lines are given below: • The revised version demonstrate the relationship between VL elimination and attainment of MDG. • The revised sentence is" there is a concern about the total number of VL reported cases". • The revised version is consistent. • Line 19: In addition, drug unavailability, unfriendly behavior of health worker and existence of unofficial payment to the heath provider in public hospital work as barriers to



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	conclusion section the authors again state that it is possible to eliminate VL. • Line 19 ... unofficial payment... statement not clear. • Line 21. How have the introduction of VL drug and its diagnosis relate to the previous statement? The beginning of the sentence with “However” implies a relationship. “However” is overused in the manuscript. • Line 33...” risk of infection.” rather than...” risk for infection..” • Line 40. “Leishania donovani” and al scienfic names should be in italics. Delete comma and Insert “and “after VL to make sense. • Line 41..”These unique characteristics” what are the characteristics?	achieve MDG. • Line 21: A major challenge towards VL elimination is the rising incidence of Post kala azar dermal Leishmaniasis. Recent introduction of oral therapy with miltefosine and rapid diagnostic with rk39 as cost effective case management have the potentiality to work against all the barriers. • Line 33: risk of infection • Line 40: All scientific names are italic now. In Bangladesh, <i>Leishmania donovani</i> is the only species causing VL “the female sand fly <i>Phlebotomas argentipes</i>” is the only vector and humans are the only reservoir. • Line 41: The unique characteristics of single vector and simple reservoir.....
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	• Line 51 “it targets” refers to what? • Line 55 & 57.. “The present review” and not “study” • Line 60. Heading should concisely indicate what has happened to health care system and health policy. Contents should be clear what has been done in terms of policy and infrastructure. The first paragraph under the heading is irrelevant. • Avoid use of “i.e.” • Line 99. Sentence beginning in this line is irrelevant. Just cite references in the previous sentence. Same to sentence beginning in line 101. • Line 104 to 106 does not make sense. • Line 107 to 116 is irrelevant because the same information is given in the table.	• Line 51: The control program • Line 55 and 57: Changes “review” to ‘study’. • Line 60: HEALTH FINANCING AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN BANGLADESH • “i.e.” has been replaced by “such as”. • Line 99: Has been deleted and the reference has been cited in the previous sentence. • Line 104 to 106 has been deleted. • Line 109 to 115 has been deleted.
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	• Line 86 heading contents can be summarized in terms of current prevalence and underestimation. • List and explain the strategies from line 129 onwards in bullet form • Line 139. Sentence beginning here is irrelevant. • Line 157. State the data unavailable from the onset. Similar line 162 should indicate what the challenge is clearly. • Line 198 to 200 is irrelevant. It should be indicated in the proceeding lines that an experience from maternal health voucher system can be adopted to improve payment for services. • Conclusion should be reworded to be concise. • Confirm that all cited literature is	• Line 86 has been changed as: VL BURDEN IN BANGLADESH AND UNDERESTIMATION OF REPORTED CASE • Has been listed onwards from line 129 in bullet form • Line 139: Has been deleted. • Line 157: “Unavailable” has been stated. Line 162 has been started with “lack of resources” in lieu of “supply side barrier”. • Line 198 to 202 has been replaced by “An experience from the maternal health voucher program [22] can be adopted to improve payment of services. • Conclusion has been revised.
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	referenced. • Check Grammar • Key words what is Goa?	• All cited literature is referred. • Grammar has been checked. • The Kew word if “Millennium Development Goal” and has been corrected.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		