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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>                                     |
| Manuscript Number:       | 2014_IJTDH_12579                                                                                           |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Assessment of knowledge about Schistosomiasis among paddy rice farmers in Doho and Kibimba, eastern Uganda |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article                                                                                  |

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                            | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Author's comment</b> (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)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | <p>Generally the Ms may be very attractive if it assesses the aptitude and practices done in the schistosomiasis preventions. Assessing knowledge only may not enough.</p> <p><b>Methodology:</b></p> <p>2.1 talks about the study area not the study design<br/>Method of selections of the respondents is not clear.<br/>How do you select 50 and 40 samples from 3,800 farmer and 500 labourers', respectively?<br/>How do you proportionate the female and male ratio? because prevalence of schistosomiasis is differ between females and males.</p> | <p>Thanks, we may consider this for our next study. I strongly agree with you, but we thought it would be better to first find out the level of knowledge before we can assess attitude and practices.</p> <p>We have acknowledged sample size as one of the limitations to our conclusion. We interviewed all the farmers/labourers we found working in the field. Doho rice scheme was undergoing restructuring at the time of our study making many farmers unavailable. For Kibimba, the same labourers were working on the farm the period of time we conducted our survey. In addition, much of the area was covered by mature rice, a period of time when there is less activity on the farm.</p> <p>It's true that prevalence varies between Gender and hopefully we will consider looking at gender effects in future</p> |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      | Some grammar errors should be corrected , respectively line number 92 and 93                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Corrected                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments    | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |