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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>         |
| Manuscript Number:       | 2013_IJTDH_7573                                                                |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Effect of malaria and geohelminth infection on birth outcomes in Kumasi, Ghana |
| Type of the Article      | 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 | The study investigated the effect of malaria and helminth infection on birth outcomes in Kumasi, Ghana after the implementation of Ghana antenatal care (ANC) protocol and compared their effect with those before ANC. This study demonstrates a low prevalence of both malaria and helminth infections and a reduced prevalence of adverse birth outcomes in this cohort of pregnant women in Kumasi. |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      | In page 3, line 69-70, the state ““Although Ghana Health Service modified the ANC protocol in 2005, Yatich et al study was done in 2006” is not clear. The paper published in AJTMH 82(1): 28-34 entitled “ The Effect of Malaria and Intestinal Helminth Coinfection on Birth Outcomes in Kumasi, Ghana” by Yatich et al (2010) should be cited here.                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments    | No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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