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PART 1:

Journal Name:	Annual Research & Review in Biology
Manuscript Number:	Ms_ARRB_34737
Title of the Manuscript:	PREVALENCE OF GEOHELMINTH PARASITES OF HORSES IN DUTSINMA METROPOLIS, KATSINA STATE NIGERIA
Type of Article:	

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
<p>Despite the attempt to improve the manuscript, the authors have made other serious mistakes in the evaluation of coprological results.</p> <p>L 77 – horses are not large ruminants although both are herbivorous animals. These authors appear to not know the differences between horses (monogastric organisms) and ruminants (poligastric species).</p> <p>L 112 – the sentence must be rephrased</p> <p>LL 132-134 – Strongylus not Strongyle. Oxyuris not Oxyrus. These authors appear to not know how parasites are correctly named.</p> <p>LL 132-134 – results of this study are wrong; eggs of <i>S. vulgaris</i> are morphologically undistinguishable by microscopical examination of fecal samples from eggs of the other large strongyles <i>Strongylus edentatus</i> and <i>Strongylus equinus</i> as well as from those of more than 40 species of small strongyles (also named cyathostomes).</p> <p>LL 186-188 – neither <i>Strongylus vulgaris</i> (provided it was indeed) nor <i>Oxyuris equi</i> are parasites of public health concern, therefore conclusion of this study is wrong.</p>	<p>It is a fact that horses are not ruminants and correction is affected.</p> <p>L112 is rephrased, the sentence was actually wrong.</p> <p>LL 132-134. <i>Strongyle</i> is corrected to <i>Strongylus</i> and <i>Oxyrus</i> corrected to <i>Oxyuris</i> in the entire manuscript.</p> <p>LL 132-134. Result of the study is not wrong, the grammer can be wrong but we have tried to rephrase the sentence as we agree with the reviewers comment of eggs being morphologically undistinguishable by microscopical examination of faecal samples. The reason why the percentage prevalence is the same for both parasites.</p> <p>LL 186-188. Correction noted and sentence rephrased in conclusion.</p>