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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a>                                  |
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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) |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments | <p><b>Abstract</b></p> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You said: "Being mentally handicapped is believed to be another risk factor for intestinal parasitic infections as most people with such disabilities cannot be trained for proper health behaviors<sup>[2]</sup>. Infection with intestinal parasites as a major problem has been recognized to spread within institutions for the mentally retarded because of inadequate personal hygiene and lack of toilet training<sup>3</sup>."</li> </ul> <p>I think these both sentences drive the same idea and this sounds redundant accordingly. So, just retain one of the both.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You said: "Duedu et al<sup>[6]</sup> documented on the prevalence of intestinal parasites among patients of a Ghanaian psychiatry hospital. Gatti et al<sup>[2]</sup> reported on intestinal parasitic infections in an Italian institution for the mentally retarded patients. Tappeh et al.<sup>[6]</sup> worked on the Prevalence of Intestinal parasitic infections among mentally disabled children and adults of Urmia, Iran. Amin et al.<sup>[7]</sup> documented on the prevalence of Strongyloides and other parasites among institutionalized mentally disabled individuals in Rasht, Northern Iran. Shehata and Hassanein<sup>[8]</sup> reported on the intestinal parasitic infections among mentally handicapped individuals in Alexandria, Egypt."</li> </ul> <p>You have to rephrase all these sentences into one in order to make it more suitable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This introduction does not highlight properly the importance to address the prevalence of intestinal parasitic infections in mentally disabled patients. The authors just outlined the higher risk for these infections in mentally disabled patients and should also give the figures in terms of morbidity, mortality or deleterious impact of these infections in this group of individuals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Materials and Methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give the ID number of your ethical approval</li> <li>Make small paragraphs and not presented this section as a block</li> </ul> <p><b>Results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section is very difficult to read because the authors had not made subheadings</li> <li>What is the mean age of patients?</li> <li>Combine Tables 2 and 4</li> <li>Where are all your values of chi-square and p-value in each of the Tables?</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You said: "The patients do not cooperate with the hygienic measures offered them due to their mental state. They sometimes eat with unwashed hands due to the absence of hand washing facilities in the ward. They engage in unhygienic behaviours like keeping long nails, which they may object to have them trimmed due to their aggressive behaviours, picking up food particles from the floor, few patients were seen walking with barefoot within the premises."</li> </ul> <p>Add bibliographic references</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You said: "Intestinal parasitic infections especially from Ascaris lumbricoides, hookworm and T. trichuria have an important impact to nutritional status including anemia and other related conditions"</li> </ul> <p>Add bibliographic references</p> <p><b>Conclusion</b></p> | <p>Revision has been done as per your suggestion</p> <p>Correction effected</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>   |



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| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments   | <b>Abstract</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Change “Ascaris” to “<i>Ascaris</i>”</li><li>▪ Change “G.” to “<i>Giardia</i>”</li><li>▪ Change “T.” to “<i>Trichuris</i>”</li></ul> <b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Change “Strongyloides” to “<i>Strongyloides</i>”</li></ul> <b>Materials and Methods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Put “Study design” in bold</li><li>▪ </li></ul> <b>Results</b> <b>Discussion</b> <b>Conclusion</b> |  |
| <b>Optional/General</b> comments |   |  |