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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>The Title need to be centralized.</p> <p>To begin the abstract and introduction, it will be more appropriate to begin by defining parasitic infections before stating the effects of their burden and where IPIs was first mentioned in line 5, there is need to first write it in full before the abbreviation.</p> <p>The statement ‘ A cross-sectional study of 400 sampled inmates provided stool samples for formal ether concentration techniques for identification of helminths eggs and cysts of protozoa while direct wet mount using saline and iodine for microscopic examination of loose stool for identification of trophozoites of protozoa’ needs to be rephrased by splitting the statements.</p> <p>Line 12, seems ambiguous; there is need to state weather the comparsion is with respect to the two prisons or not; it is difficult to follow.</p> <p>Line 21, The age of the respondent also had a significant contribution to the high prevalence of IPIs, has this been backed up with a reference/ scientific proof? This is necessary</p> <p>Introduction : ‘Significant level of morbidity and mortality across the globe especially in developing countries is caused by intestinal parasitic infections and more so in persons with...’There is need to better up this first statement, so as to engage the readers first with what the intestinal parasitic infections are</p> <p>‘The main species of soil transmitted helminthes are <i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i>, <i>Trichuris trichura</i> and hookworms (<i>Ancylostoma duodenale</i> and <i>Necator americanus</i>).This statement and the next must contain appropriate reference.</p> <p>Reference 25 is another author's not yours while the result is from your studies, this has to be looked into.</p> <p>Line 17 under introduction ... Don't other prisons around the world face same ?</p> <p>The first statements under result have no heading... There should be a title for this.... Is it the sex of inmates with respect to prisons?</p>	<p>Revision amended</p> <p>Correction made</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Revised</p> <p>Revised</p>
Minor REVISION comments	<p>The first two statements on the abstract contain some tautology “country's, there is need to adjust that.</p> <p>Prevalence should be replaced with prevalent in the keywords</p> <p>‘Many studies have been carried out in children and mental institutions but very little work has been carried out in these neglected prison institutions and therefore, results from this study will help to develop policies to improve the health aspects of inmates among the other ongoing reform’..... Split the statements atleast into two.</p> <p>Materials and methods take same numbering as introduction 1.1. This should be adjusted.</p> <p>There is need to italize et al in the reference list</p> <p>‘Lack of hand washing before meals had an odds ratio of 2.88 showing that 3 inmates not washing hands were at risk of infection with IPIs while hand washing after visiting the toilet</p>	

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	had an odds ratio of 2.19 which indicate that twice the number of inmates who...' This statement should be rephrased. The whole work should be appropriately punctuated.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	This work is interesting and worth publishing after corrections.	

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	