

Reviewer's report

Title: Community uptake of safe storage boxes to reduce self-poisoning from pesticides in rural Sri Lanka

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Reviewer: Linda McCauley

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General: This is a fascinating paper describing the results of a community intervention to decrease access to pesticides in agricultural families in India.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached) None noted

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Last sentence of abstract needs more clarity.
2. Not sure how agricultural pesticides could be stored in the field. It would be helpful to give examples...are there sheds that can be locked?
3. Pictures of the lock boxes would help, also presentation of size in metric and inches would improve the clarity.
4. The detail of the growing seasons, irrigation, and type of crops not really germane to the goal of the paper.
5. On page 6, please give the number of pesticide poisoning incidents in the last three months.
6. Table 1 should be labeled Baseline self reported pesticide use by 172 household

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'