Reviewer's report

Title: An investigation of nurses' knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding disinfection procedures in Italy

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This new text is very better: many points have been clarified and the purpose is more convincing!

Small points:
- p 9, line 3, it could be more clear, if you don’t say “washed hands” it could be replace by “made an hand hygiene”. Hand hygiene includes:
  o hand washing with simple soap
  o and disinfection by washing with an antiseptic soap and rubbing with an alcoholic product.
- p 9, line 5, the using of simple soap or non antiseptic soap could be specified.
- In the same paragraph, is it possible to better specify the quality of surgical hand disinfection and hygienic disinfection, and in each situation, the quality of rubbing and washing separately?

For references, it could be more interesting to compare not only your results with others, but too with long terms policy. 1,2 The general references as the 13 are not very usefull


Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests