Reviewer's report

Title: Risk factors for Contracting Watery Diarrhoea in Kadoma City, Mashonaland West Province, Zimbabwe, 2011

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Thank you for the edits. The paper is improved.

Major compulsory revisions:

1) The paper has a number of grammatical and reference errors. For example E. coli is sometimes italicized, sometimes not, sometimes referred to as E. coli, sometimes as E-coli. Additionally, the spacing is inconsistent. Additionally, the referencing is inconsistent - Daniele S is a first name not a last name. Additionally, the Centres for Disease Control is not the name - it is the "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention". Additionally, there are grammatically issues. The paper needs a full edit - right now it is sloppy, and without a clean edited copy is unpublishable.

2) Why were the microbiological samples only incubated 6 hours, when it is required that samples be incubated for 18024 hours? If samples were not incubated for the required time, all data should be dropped from the paper.

3) The language around the threshold values remains confusing. Please rewrite the abstract with the threshold defined and define the threshold in text, not only in a figure.

Thank you.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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