Reviewer's report

Title: Hygienic safety of reusable tap water filters (Germlyser(R)) with operating time of 4 respectively 8 weeks in a haematological oncology transplantation unit

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General

This manuscript has been revised extensively by the authors and is now much more "user friendly" than the earlier version

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
Abstract line 1: Microbially for Microbial
Abstract third from bottom line (and elsewhere in the manuscript): thermal for thermic
Introduction: lines7/8: hand washing for washed hands
Introduction and throughout the MS: spp should not be italicised
Filters: line 2: polyethersulfone for polyethersulfonf
Microbiological analysis: first line of 2nd paragraph (and elsewhere): coliforms for Coli-like
Microbiological analysis: faecal for fecal
Trial 2: 2nd paragraph (and elsewhere): serogroup 1 need not be italicised
Trial 2: 3rd paragraph, third line from bottom (and elsewhere): respectively for respec.
Trial 3: 3rd paragraph, last line: culture for cultivate
Comparative evaluation of filter efficacy in trials 2-4: 2nd paragraph, 2nd line: retrograde for retrograd
Ibid: third from bottom line: specifying for specifying
Discussion: first paragraph, line 6 (and elsewhere): mucoid for mucilaginous
Discussion; second paragraph, fifth from bottom line: birthing pool for birth bathtub

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

A manufacturer of a similar product is funding some of my research. I have also received speaker fees and travel expenses from this manufacturer