Reviewer’s report

Title: A Changing Picture of Shigellosis in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam; Shifting Species Dominance, Antimicrobial Susceptibility and Clinical Presentation

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Reviewer: Mercy Newman

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1. The question is well defined
2. The methods are appropriate and well described
3. Data is sound
4. The discussion and conclusions are balanced and supported by data
5. Limitations are clearly stated
6. Other works had been acknowledged
7. The title and abstract accurately convey what had been found
8. The writing is generally acceptable, but there are some topographical errors.

These are listed below:-
Line 57…..it is disease,… Should be……..it is a disease
Lines 139, Line 149, Line 211 - these three lines have sentences starting with numbers. The numbers should be written in words.
Line183 - defined as (this phrase is repeated)
Table 3 and Table 4
The above tables had the word diarrhea spelt wrong several times
THESE ARE MINOR BUT ESSENTIAL CORRECTIONS

Confidential comments to editors
What next
Accept after discretionary review
Level of interest
This is an article of interest in its field
Statistical review
This is needed, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics
Competing interest
I declare that I have no competing interest below.

Prof Mercy J Newman