Reviewer's report

Title: Pediatric First Aid Knowledge and Attitudes among Staff in the Preschools of Shanghai, China.

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Reviewer's report:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? YES
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Methods section should be revised
3. Are the data sound? YES
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? YES
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? YES
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? YES
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? YES
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? YES
9. Is the writing acceptable? YES

Reviewer's report:

The authors should be congratulated on evaluating this pediatric first aid knowledge and attitudes among staff in the preschools, which is a very important topic. After evaluation I have some comments as the following.

My comments are into the minor essential revisions.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1- Although comprehensible, the English requires extensive editorial attention preferably by a native speaker, as well as some shortening.

Introduction
2- The introduction is rather long, but may be shortened by careful editing. Authors are advised to summary introduction section and mention about only related to main topic.

3- In the last paragraph of introduction section, some informations are given about Preschools in Shanghai. The authors provide essential background material on Preschools in Shanghai. It would be more suitable in Materials and methods to give this information.
Materials and methods

4- The methodology of study should be explained more clearly. The authors state the study population. However, greater detail on outcome estimation is required.

- It is not clear how the total staff population size determined and how the size of study population was identified and how the sample was drawn from the total staff population.

- It was mentioned about stratified sampling process was used, however it is not clear which kind of classification was used for stratification. Was it used public, private, and other preschool classification? What was the proportion of each class?

- What proportion of individuals invited to take part agreed to participation? Were those who declined to participate different to those who agreed to participate?

Results

5- Due to it is related to sampling, the information related to proportion of types of schools (“Of the total 35,000 preschool employees in Shanghai, 54.2%........”) should be given in material metod section not in results.

Table 4, presentation

6- In the line 2 and line 4 (for that I should give first aid is unpleasant and it is good for me to learn first aid ) total percentage was 100.1. These percentage should be checked again.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests.