Reviewer's report

Title: Legionella spp. and legionellosis in Southeastern Italy: disease epidemiology and environmental surveillance in community and health care facilities

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Reviewer's report:
Authors have made substantial improvements to the manuscript.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions

Background: Authors can mention that EWGLI has moved to ECDC (it is not operating by HPA in London any more) and is now named ELDSNet.

Conclusion: since complete eradication of Legionella from water system seems unrealistic, and Legionella are natural inhabitants of water and many studies have shown re-colonization after disinfection application, authors could rephrase their statement.

Table 1: replace totale with total

Table 2: the total percentage of positive fountains is 28.6, but in the text it is 28.5.
Table 5: Add "(total)" after "Positive facilities"

Discretionary Revisions

Abstract, line 43: replace spp with "spp." Throughout document double dots after Legionella spp. can be deleted and one dot can remain.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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