Reviewer's report

Title: Health Education for Microcredit Clients in Peru: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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It is an intriguing piece of research on the effectiveness of health education programs for micro-credit participants in urban setting.

It is normally said that it's difficult to precisely evaluate the effectiveness of health education programs in urban setting where mass volume of information is available through various methods: therefore, it is not easy to determine whether the improvement of knowledge level of the targets about better child health is actually derived from the health education or others.

It is also commonly accepted that a method chosen for a Community Based IMCI program should come based on the characteristics of the communities in developing countries. Out of three components of IMCI, it is necessary to deploy community oriented programs.

It is also important to note that a micro-credit program for mothers to be more economically independent is vital to bring positive impact on behavioral changes for better child health and integration of health education programs into a micro-credit program is important in concept; however, once again an appropriate approach must come from understanding the characteristics of targeted communities.

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In this piece, the research result brings an IMCI strategy to be an inappropriate approach in this setting as its result; however, the research paper may need to recall the importance of view that in order to link between the increase of knowledge in better child health among care takers and their actual behavior changes to improve child health in the section of DISCUSSION.

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.