Author's response to reviews

Title: Gatekeepers of health: a qualitative assessment of child care centre staff's perspectives, practices and challenges to enteric illness prevention and management in child care centres

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Dear Dr. da-Silva:

Attached please find a revised copy of the manuscript entitled, Gatekeepers of health: A qualitative assessment of child care centre staff’s perspectives, practices and challenges to enteric illness prevention and management in child care centres.

We appreciate the time the reviewers spent reading and commenting on the manuscript for a second time and were happy to see that the first revisions had met the majority of their suggestions for improvement. A number of their suggestions from their second review have been incorporated in this revised version. As requested a point-by-point response to each of the reviewers comments is included below. We remain certain that this paper is appropriate for publication in BMC-Public Health.

All of the authors have reviewed and approved this revised manuscript and agree to publication. Permission to acknowledge contributors have been obtained. Correspondence regarding this submission should continue to be made to the corresponding author, Ms. Marsha Taylor.

Once again, we appreciate your consideration of the manuscript for publication

Sincerely,

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Reviewer 1 (EG)

1. All use of the word centre has been standardized
2. Use of quotation marks and periods in the staff quotes has been standardized
3. All suggested editorial suggestions have been considered and incorporated throughout the manuscript.
4. Clarification regarding benefits of maximizing the number of mixed groups included. (Pg. 25)
5. Sentence regarding impact on parents has been clarified through further editing. (Pg. 25-26)
6. Sentence regarding recommendations supported by the data in this study has been clarified. (Pg. 26)

Reviewer 3 (RW)

1. Edits made to abstract to ensure methods are consistent with the body of the paper.
2. All percentages have been standardized to the same number of decimals.
3. Time of observations included in methods. (Pg. 6)
4. Ensured standard format to quotes.
5. Considered and incorporated editorial comments and suggestions.