Reviewer's report

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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Major Compulsory Revisions
Recommend to add more recent references

Minor Essential Revisions

Background

Pg 3, 3rd paragraph: Include information on the number of regulated CCC and an idea of how many there are unregulated CCC (if possible)

Pg 4 1st paragraph: Describe who issues the regulations related to prevention of illness in CCC...is it the CCC themselves or public health authority? Is staff working in CCC regularly trained? Are guidelines explained to them?

Pg 5 Line 3 To read: used to identify illness; identify potential gaps

Methods

Pg 5 Line 8 remove sentence Although child care consists...

Pg 5 Sentences ##Focus groups ##participants. [15] Â» should go to discussion.

Pg 5 Line 18 To read: Staff members, were defined as those who participated

Pg 6 Line Line 4 To read: The focus groups in the form of an open ended inquiry were based on.

Pg 6 Mention of NVivo ..give brief description of this software

Results

Pg 8 Line 17 To read: short period of time this would be more likely to be of infectious type.

Pg 11 Line 7 To read: ..and it was equivalent to practices

Pg 15 Line 1 Mention of bleach: what is the concentration used?
- Discretionary Revisions
  nil

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**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.

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