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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**Reviewer:** Eleni Galanis

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**General comments**

My suggested revisions were addressed satisfactorily. Substantial editing has greatly clarified the text. There remain a few minor issues to clarify and some punctuation, grammatical and orthographical errors I point out below. I do not need to review this manuscript again.

**Discretionary Revisions**

# Standardize “centre” and “center”
# Standardize the use of quotation marks and periods in the staff quotes
# P3: comma after unregulated
# P4
  o Para3: to understand what?
  o Para3: the qualitative approach “allows” and use of qualitative methods “requires”
# P5
  o Para5: the sentence starting with “Study information” is unclear; the “consent to conduct” part may be missing a verb?
  o Para5: change of to “on managing”
# P6, para2: info missing after “types of centres” (i.e. the type of centres that what?)
# P9
  o para2: coma after experience
  o para4: “kept by staff” is redundant
# p10 para3: add a verb prior to “action-oriented” (I doubt you meant to say that staff acted action-oriented)
# p11
  o para3: remove “it”
  o para4 (quote): consider adding [group] after the word infant
# p12
o para1: comma after diarrhea
o para2: change “children that” to “children who”
o para4: comma after clear
# p13, para2: comma after situations
# p16
o para2 (quote): should outbreak be plural
o para4: change “to routine monitoring” to “of routine monitoring”
# p17
o add commas after staff, ill and circumstances
o para4: change “can” to “could”
# p18, para2: consider adding “lack of” prior to “understanding”
# p19, para4:
  o typo in “included”
  o consider breaking this sentence in 2 between “discussed” and “this”
# p20, para3: last sentence should be in past tense
# p21
  o para1: comma after “knowledge”
  o para2: 2nd sentence is unclear, consider cutting “in the group”
  o para2: add “them” after “identifying”
# p22, 1st sentence in last para: add coma after “compliance”, add “their” before “development”
# p24, para3: change “have” to “had”
# p25
  o para2: comma after “staff”
  o para2, 3rd sentence should be past tense
  o para3: the sentence starting with “further research” is unclear. How does maximizing the number of mixed groups allow comparison between groups?
  o Para3: the sentence starting with “the relationship” is unclear. What does “suggestions […] for further recommendations will have [word missing] impact on parents” mean?
# P26 para2
  o Comma after “general”
  o Add “to” after “dedicated”
  o Remove “who”
  o The sentence starting with “the recommendations” is unclear. What does “with the staff whose data supported them” mean?
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Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I declare that I have no competing interests