Reviewer’s report

Title: Implications of screening and childcare exclusion policies for children with Shiga-Toxin producing Escherichia coli infections: Lessons learned from an outbreak in a daycare centre, Norway, 2012

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Reviewer: Alice Green

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This is an excellent, well-written manuscript. My only suggested revisions are discretionary (no compulsory or minor essential revisions). I think it would be interesting to include attack rates divided by section--either A, B, C, D, and E separately, or A&B together, C&D together, and E separately. I would like to see the sections in which clinical cases are housed specifically stated in the manuscript. I would also like to see it stated whether the positive staff member worked predominantly with a specific section.

I very much appreciate the commentary regarding family hardship that may be brought about by prolonged STEC shedding.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I do not have any competing interests.