Reviewer's report

Title: Scabies: an ancient global disease with a need for new therapies

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Reviewer: Kirsty Hewitt

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Dear editors and authors,

The authors have greatly improved the paper from its previous version and I have no major compulsory revisions to suggest. I'd like to reiterate that I am an epidemiologist and therefore my review is more general than could be provided by a dermatologist with more expertise regarding the treatment options for scabies.

Discretionary revisions:
In general I feel that this paper is mainly discussing the situation in Australia, and should clarify this. Currently it reads as though it is a general discussion of the treatment options for scabies, when many of the references are for Australian settings.

Minor essential revisions:
Page 6, lines 5-6: Please clarify the setting that this statement refers to - both references are Australian papers and I'm not sure there is evidence that children are the core transmitters of scabies in other settings. For example, in the UK those living in institutional settings are an important risk group, particularly the elderly.

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 declare that I have no competing interests.