Reviewer's report

Title: Country Characteristics and Acute Diarrhea in Children from Developing Nations: A Multilevel Study

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I have the impression that the authors tried to answer the comments, with a minimal effort. See my remarks hereunder.

A brief summary of the factors associated with diarrhea on the background does not suffice. First of all please the reviewer should not be asked to start searching where the comment has been addressed exactly and secondly I need to be convinced that the literature has been explored through a review with key-words...

The comment: "However, this survey design characteristic (ie, stratification) is not taken into account in the model." was not answered.

"No interaction effects were found." is a weak answer, statistically speaking....

Are the authors not willing to provide the requested map?

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests