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To the editor in chief of BMC Public Health,

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Dear editors, dear professor Barry,

Hereby we submit a revised version of manuscript PUBH-D-17-01282: Optimising decision making on illness absenteeism due to fever and common infections within childcare centres: development of a multicomponent intervention and study protocol of a cluster randomised controlled trial. Our apologies for the short delay.

The following corrections are carried out on response to the comments of the editor:
1) The requested original and translated documentation regarding ethical and funding approval was sent to BMCSeriesEditorial@biomedcentral.com on June 30. This study was reviewed and approved by the medical ethical committee of Zuyderland, Heerlen, the Netherlands [METC 14-N-171].

2) The research project is part of a larger research grant funded by The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development entitled "Childhood Infections Limburg (CHIL): Optimizing management and medication of febrile children in out-of-hours primary care". The original study focused on the development of an intervention for out-of-hours general practice. The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development gave permission to extend the study and use remaining resources in the setting of childcare centres in 2015.


4) No publications have been published or submitted to any journal containing the results of this study.

5) A section on ‘‘declarations’’ is added including the required information.

6) The Trial Registration Number is added to the end of the abstract together with the data of registration (NTR6402 (registered on 21-april-2017)).

7) The errors are removed from the abstract.
8) A full ‘’declarations’’ section is provided according the journal guidelines.

It came to our attention that 1 citation was missing in our study protocol. We added this citation [69].

We would be happy to receive further review comments by a member of the editorial staff.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of all authors,

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