Reviewer’s report

Title: Temporary exclusion of ill children from child care centers in Switzerland: practice, problems and potential solutions

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This study was well planned and carried out. It addresses an important question that is worth of further investigation.

Major Comments:

1) AAP guideline was updated in 2015. Suggest authors to be specific for the AAP standard referred in this study.

2) All of the numbers in Table 1 & 2 should be double-checked to make sure accuracy.

3) The finding that there was no significant difference in handling ambiguous situations between directors with access to pediatrician and those without is interesting. The ultimate outcome of excluding sick child is to protect other children and staff. It would be very helpful if authors have information comparing number of outbreak/cluster situation in centers with and without access to a pediatrician consult.

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