

Supplementary File 2: List of excluded studies

SN	Excluded Study (ID)	Reason for exclusion
1.	Zhou and Jiang (1)	Article in Chinese
2.	Cochereau and Lamirel (2)	Article in French
3.	CDC (3)	Not on WASH
4.	Pinkas et al., (4)	Not an observational study
5.	File and Tsang (5)	Not an observational study
6.	<u>Onishchenko</u> (6)	Article in French
7.	<u>Cooper</u> et al., (7)	Not on WASH
8.	<u>Wei et al.</u> (8)	Not on WASH

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