
Review of Wikipedia Articles

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Title of the article	Hand washing

1. Quality of the Summary

Is the summary of the article a complete, thorough, and concise introduction to the topic? How do you think the summary could be improved? Which meaningful data are missing? Is there something that you find too much detailed for a general overview of the topic?

The summary is complete. Reference related to CDC statement is missing and should be inserted. Some of the global figures (available in the “public health” section) could be moved here to provide the reader with some data on hand washing practices.

The cultural references may be too much detailed for the introduction, since there is a separate section related to them.

2. Structure and style of the article

Is the article properly presenting the topic for a general public? Does the article provide a complete and easy-to-navigate structure? Which paragraph would you add, unify or split into different parts? Please provide a list of suggestions. Is the article well written and understandable at a high school level?

The article is well written, adequately presents the topic to a general audience, and can be understood at a high school level. The navigation structure is clear and complete. Six citations are missing, and should be inserted.

3. Content

Is the article comprehensive of major facts related to the topic? Is the article adequately placing the subject in context? What does it miss? Please provide a list of topics you think should be included in the article (suggestions must be related to bibliography). Do you find that some arguments are not meaningful or representative of the topic for a general public. What should be deleted? Please explain why.

The article includes all the major facts related to the topic, and adequately places the subject in context. There is a paragraph on hand washing in developing countries, though the article would benefit from having a sub-sections with policies and case studies from other countries as well.

I think that all the topics are meaningful and representatives for a general public.

4. **International and local dimension**

Is the article neutral (it presents general and acknowledged views fairly and without bias)? Is the article representative of the international dimension and consolidated research about the topic? If applicable, does the article feature examples from all over the world (no localisms)? Please a list of what is missing with related references.

The article is neutral, and representative of the international dimension and research about the topic. Nonetheless, further examples should be inserted to describe the status of hand washing policies and practices in industrial and post-industrial countries and regions. See for example for references: Hand Hygiene programs in Australia: <http://www.hha.org.au/>; and Hand Hygiene programs and European Union <http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/infection-control-core-competencies.pdf>).

5. **References (essential to allow the articles to be improved)**

Is the list of publications comprehensive and updated? Does it list the fundamental monographs and papers? Please provide primary/generic and secondary/original resources which need to be included and suggest the list of publications which should be removed.

The publications are adequately updated. Fundamental monographs and papers are available. Further publications describing the status of hand washing practices in industrial and post-industrial countries should be included as per the recommendation provided in section 4 of the review.