Corrigenda

Unfortunately the following corrections did not manage to get into the manuscript before the final printing

1. Pages 78-79. Last sentence page 78/79: “In order to evaluate differences in pneumococcal and PNSP carriage between DCCs, between age groups (1-2 years old, 2-3 years old, etc.) and between years of sampling, the chi square test was used”.

2. Page 79. Second last paragraph: “ANOVA was used to compare the mean age-stratified incidence of the illnesses both within and between seasons. Because the incidence of the illnesses was based on count data, regression analysis based on Poisson distribution would have been more appropriate. However, recalculation based on the assumption of Poisson distribution of the illnesses revealed similar results”.


4. Page 94. Second paragraph. “The crude incidence of illnesses was similar at the intervention and non-intervention DCCs during the intervention period, indicating no significant effects of the hygiene intervention (see Table II, Paper III)”.

5. Page 101. Second paragraph. “On the other hand, the number of children per staff at the DCC was negatively associated with PNSP carriage which indicates a potential role of the staff in the dissemination of non-susceptible pneumococci”.

6. Page 116. Second paragraph. “Our results on the association of hygiene with the incidence of pneumonia were controversial”. 