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ARTICLE DETAILS

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	Financial crises and child health - reflections from Iceland
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VERSION 1 - REVIEW

REVIEWER	Mercer, Raul FLACSO (Latin American School of Social Sciences), Buenos Aires, Argentina. Program of Social Sciences and Health. Competing interests: No competing interests to declare
REVIEW RETURNED	02-Jul-2017

GENERAL COMMENTS	I consider that this is an excellent editorial as it tries to explain the capacity of differential response of the countries to macroeconomic and political crises. In the section on keywords I suggest using "Community" instead of its abbreviation (Comm).
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REVIEWER	Bonati, Maurizio Department of Public Health, Laboratory for Mother and Child Health Mario Negri Research Institute, Milan, Italy Competing interests: No competing interest
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GENERAL COMMENTS	<p>The deep recession Iceland experienced in 2008 undermined the whole society and its expressions. However, unlike other nations and realities, the strength of the nation has allowed a rapid recovery. In times of profound, acute or dramatic crisis (economic, social, cultural, political) the population suffers, and social, educational and healthcare services are put at the test. Vulnerable people are the most at risk.</p> <p>This is well known and documented for different contexts, settings, and area as well positive and negative interventions during the time. In this context child health is one of the major and most important complex indicators for the evaluation of interventions, initiatives, and plans.</p> <p>Well, Prof. Gunnlaugsson already reported his reflections on the matter (ADJ, 2016, 101:489-496). The present contribution does not add anything in its form or content.</p> <p>The suggestion is to improve the text comparing responses to different nations, or entering more detail on indices and indicators over time for Icelandic children.</p>
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VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

In response to the reviewers comments, as well as comments made by the editors, I have added one new paragraph to the editorial, with discussion on some European countries. Further, I have slightly revised the text and expanded it with a few more references. The word count is 1195 words, 11 references. Please see Editorial 240617 with revisions to see what changes have been made since submission.