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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Overall comment This article presents the norovirus (NoV) outbreak due to GII.6 strain, the first report of GII.6 NoV outbreak, to date. NoV gastroenteritis is a disease of high burden and is the leading cause of medically attended childhood gastroenteritis in areas where rotavirus vaccine uptake is high. Knowledge on NoV, including molecular epidemiology, is the key to the prevention for this disease. This paper discusses an important issue and is well written, except for several minor flaws. Thus, I agree with acceptance of this paper after the following points are corrected. Major comments None Minor comments 1. In p.7, several characters are corrupted. 2. In p.14, the authors mention that more than 0.2 million deaths occur in children in developing countries. This number appears unexpectedly high, so please confirm your statement by citing adequate reference(s). 3. Table 1 indicates that a total of 10 cases are hospitalized. But, according to the body of text, all patients were managed as outpatient. So, here, I guess you mean "hospital visit", instead of "hospitalized care" which corresponds to inpatient care.

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The manuscript is interesting, well written and follows a good methodology. Nevertheless, I have some suggestions in order to improve it, as follows: - I suggest the Authors to discuss more international data and comparisons with studies already published in literature about this topic. - I suggest the Authors to add information about new and important norovirus outbreaks recently occurred on cruise ships. For instance, in the Introduction when they report outbreaks in schools and hospital wards they should add this setting (please see a recent systematic review on this topic "Food Environ Virol. 2014 Jun;6(2):67-74. "