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Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript summarizes basic information about viral pathogens in the gastrointestinal tract dividing them into 3 groups based on clinical symptoms (bloody and non-bloody diarrhea with predominant viral gastroenteritis and diarrhea and varied intestinal manifestations). The aim and abstract are very well written, while the other parts of the manuscript need significant improvement. The introduction is only 2 sentences long. The authors did not introduce the subject nor the facts on why this review/manuscript is important, they did not mention other papers dealing with this topic in the past nor explain what is the benefit of their manuscript over the others. The authors did not explain why they categorize the viruses into 3 groups. In addition, the authors briefly summarized the basic characteristics of viruses without any systematic order. The authors included also a Figure, which is not basically a table and has no additional value. I see the potential of that manuscript but only if it is significantly improved, not only the introduction but also the description of viral pathogens in a systematic way so that for all viruses the reader can have all the necessary information. I strongly suggest creating a table where for each virus (one line) there is information in



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the columns for the following data: route of infection, incubation period, age group, duration of the disease, major symptoms, diagnostics, treatment, and tips..