

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14946-review.doc).

**Title:** An acute gastroenteritis outbreak caused by a GII.6 norovirus

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

- (1) (2989438) *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. "*

Answer: thank you very much for your comments. We had added these information in our revised manuscript. Discussion section: **Noroviruses are recognized as the leading cause of acute viral gastroenteritis worldwide, the outbreaks always occur in an enclosed environment, such as school, hospital ward and even cruise ship[1, 27].**

"Bert F, Scaiola G, Gualano MR, Passi S, Specchia ML, Cadeddu C, Viglianchino C, Siliquini R. Norovirus outbreaks on commercial cruise ships: a systematic review and new targets for the public health agenda. Food Environ Virol 2014; 6: 67-74[PMID: 24838574 DOI: 10.1007/s12560-014-9145-5]" was added as new reference 27.

- (2) (2980417) *...Minor comments 1. In p.7, several characters are corrupted.*

Answer: thank you very much for your comments.

We checked page 7 carefully, we hope our revised manuscript in this page will not confuse you again.

- (3) *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).*

Answer: thank you very much for your comments.

We confirmed that "In developing countries, noroviruses are estimated to cause more than 0.2 million deaths annually among children younger than 5 years of age, and noroviruses are predicted to become the predominant cause of diarrhea in all age groups worldwide once rotavirus infection is controlled through vaccination" is correct.

You may find more information from this article:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3540628/>

- (4) 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.

Answer: thank you very much for your comments. we agree with your suggestion, we had revised this point according to your comment.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,



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