Reviewer's report

Title: The Prevalence of Norovirus in returning international Travelers with Diarrhea

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Reviewer: David Allen

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General Comments
This is a re-review of the paper by Apelt et al, following revision by the authors.

The authors have made efforts to address all of the points raised by the first review of the manuscript, and the revisions made improve the clarity of the paper.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author may choose to ignore)
1. Where the authors show the duration of gastrointestinal symptoms in Figure 1 for patients 1-9, is it possible to correlate the individual patients with the norovirus strains detected? And can the authors identify which norovirus strain was detected in the 10th patient who had no symptomatic diarrhoea? Does this show anything of interest?

Minor Essential Revisions (which the author can be trusted to correct)
1. The authors should provide sequences for each of the primers used, or a reference from which primers were sourced. Additionally, the authors should comment which region of the genome the primers were used to amplify in their detection assay.

Major Compulsory Revisions (to which the author must respond before a decision on publication)
None.

Level of Interest
A paper of limited interest, but of note to those working on norovirus epidemiology.

Quality of Written English
Acceptable

Statistical Review
I do not feel adequately qualified to provide a detailed statistical review.

Declaration of Competing Interests
I declare I have no competing interests.
Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests