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General Comments
This is a re-review of the paper by Barrabeig 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)
None.

Minor Essential Revisions (which the author can be trusted to correct)
1. Page 2 – please correct “…type, data and time…” to “…type, date and time…”.
2. Page 6 – please correct “…shown that GII- infected…” to “…shown that GII-norovirus infected…”.
3. If possible, can the authors make explicit the time between onset of symptoms in these patients and the dates of sample collection? (Could the lag between onset and sample collection affect the findings of the investigation?)

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
Yes, 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.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.