Author's response to reviews

Title: Characterising the Aetiology of Severe Acute Gastroenteritis Among Patients Visiting a Hospital in Qatar using Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction

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Dear Dr Esposito,

Regarding the following manuscript: **Characterising the Aetiology of Severe Acute Gastroenteritis Among Patients Visiting a Hospital in Qatar using Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction**

On behalf of my co-authors, I would like to thank you for accepting the manuscript for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases*

Please see below our response to your final comments:

- Order the columns of virus type to be the same as for Table 3

  *This is now amended in the manuscript*

- Against each entry of the number if positive specimens put in parentheses the percentage of samples positive e.g. June Rotavirus 8 positives out of 37, insert (22%) ; August Norovirus 15 pos out of 32, insert (47%)

  *This is now amended in the manuscript*

We would be grateful if you can let us know what the estimated publication date would be

Many thanks

Yours sincerely,

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