Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical presentation of pertussis in fully immunized children in Lithuania

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In my opinion the authors have slightly improved their manuscript on pertussis based on our previous review. Main issues as given in the previous review remain. The paper addresses no new question, the message is still not very clear (although this has somewhat improved) and has well been described in literature, but not for their country. Some new questions arises based on the new manuscript: i.e. IgM is mentioned in serological confirmation which is as far as I know not very 'standard' in pertussis confirmation particular for vaccinated individuals. The part on two groups of patients with one or two episodes of cough is not very clear; i.e. they state that the duration of cough is longer in the second group, which seems logical? Table 1 does not give additional information that is not already described in the text.