Reviewer's report

Title: Acute childhood diarrhoea in northern Ghana: epidemiological, clinical and microbiological characteristics

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Methods:
page 6- I suggest to talk about blood samples at item specimen collection also.

Discussion:
page 13- The reference 39 is not relative to Brazil.

References:
page 20: The references 38 and 39 are the same.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Methods:

Discussion:
page 12- The adenovirus were sero or genotyped?

I agree with the authors that the 124 children were not control really. In this way it is not better to exclud?

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests'below.