Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Hospitalisation for rotavirus gastroenteritis in the paediatric population in the Veneto Region, Italy.

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**Reviewer:** Giovanni Gabutti

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The Authors evaluate hospital discharges due to acute Rotavirus gastroenteritis in the Veneto Region, Italy. The paper is interesting, clear and well-written. English is good.

Even if not completely original, the analysis of hospital discharges for RVGE permits to highlight the important role of rotavirus as a cause for paediatric hospitalization.

The manuscript deserves some minor essential revisions:
- table 1 columns 2 line 7 the number 3,15 is wrong. Please corrects it
- it seems necessary to add some comments on the economic value of RV infection and a more detailed analysis of costs of RV-related hospitalizations
- it seems necessary to describe and discuss in more depth data collected in the Veneto Region in comparison with published data at regional and national level in Italy

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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