Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiological investigation of two parallel gastroenteritis outbreaks in school settings

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This is a well designed and executed investigation of a viral outbreak of gastroenteritis in two schools in Greece. It is a significant contribution to the bibliography on epidemiological investigations of viral outbreaks in the eastern Mediterranean region. The manuscript is well structured and the use of English is good. The data collected fully cover all aspects of an epidemiological investigation, and the results and conclusions reached are supported by the data provided. Title and abstract are appropriate.

Overall I consider this 2nd revision of the manuscript appropriate for publication, with the following two minor essential revisions:

1. page 8, line 5: Kindergarten. The vast majority ... were less than 12(?) years old. I believe the authors mean ...less than 6 years old.
2. I think the pupils of an elementary school and kindergarten are better called 'pupils' and not 'students'.

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.