Reviewer's report

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

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  None

- Minor Essential Revisions
  1. Page 6: Ethical statement: Keelpno will be replaced with HCDCP throughout all text
  2. Discussion: The difficulties in such epidemiological work could be added at the end of the discussion or conclusions.
  3. M&M: Delete the word “environmental samples” in the title “Laboratory investigation…”

- Discretionary Revisions
  1. Discussion: In order to strengthen their findings and support the lack of positive sample in the water, the author could include other research articles with outbreaks (as references) in which have not isolated the etiological agent from the environmental sample
  2. Why only a few fecal samples of students were collected? Please point out the reason for that.

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.