Reviewer’s report

Title: The Second Study of Infectious Intestinal Disease (IID2): Increased rates of recurrent diarrhoea in individuals aged 65 years and above

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Reviewer: Elaine Scallan

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This paper explores the impact of previous episodes of IID on the subsequent rate of IID in different age groups. The paper is well written, of interest to the field, and the methods are sound. I have only a couple of minor comments.

Minor Essential Revisions

Are the 17 million cases of IID annually attributable to the 12 most common IID pathogens (as indicated in the abstract) or all causes of IID (as suggested in the introduction).

Discretionary Revisions

Where are data collected on comorbidities or immunocompromising conditions?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests