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General:
It is admired that the authors underwent thoroughly to entertain the comments forwarded. They have made a significant progress as a result.

Major Compulsory revisions:
Methods:
Most of the issues were addressed.
Sampling- the study included hypothesis testing and inference which require the utilization of adequate sample sizes that is confirmed by undertaking sample size calculation to know the minimum representative sample. The researchers, however, are not obliged to stick to that number so long as they keep the minimum. In this case, you would have addressed this way or use a sample that has been repeatedly used by other studies. If study dependent on “a mother study sample”, make sure this is adequate for your objectives.
Analysis- the type of infectious pathogen Vs hypocalcaemia association seems indirect one as could be verified from the absence of statistical significance. It is not presence of the bacteria or parasites BUT diarrhea that results in hypocalcaemia. It would give more sense to eliminate that segment of tabulation and work on presence of diarrhea.

Minor Essential revisions:
Addressed.

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.