Reviewer's report

Title: Outbreak of acute gastroenteritis in an air force base in Western Greece

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Page 4 Methods Line 17 - I do not understand what is meant by "Adequate" in this sentence. Does it mean that a sufficient number of control questionnaires were administered to provide a desired level of statistical power? Or does it mean the questionnaire administered to controls was shorter than the one given to cases and only contained the questions needed to calculate Odds Ratios?

Page 5 Methods Line 19 - The volume of water tested should be stated.

Discussion - It would be useful to mention the heat-stable nature of Staph. toxin in the context that proper cooking generally provides a defence against foodborne infections, but it does not protect against this foodborne toxin.

Language - The paper requires a number of minor wording changes to improve the English expression. I will forward these separately in a "track changes" document.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests