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Title: Genotypic and phenotypic analysis of diarrheagenic Escherichia coli strains isolated from Brazilian children living in rural communities

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Dear Editor,

Enclosed you will find the revised manuscript entitled “Genotypic and phenotypic analysis of diarrheagenic Escherichia coli strains isolated from Brazilian children living in rural communities” which we are submitting for publication. Diarrhea caused by Escherichia coli infection is one of the major health problems for children in Brazil, however, they are not routinely sought as enteric pathogens in clinical laboratories; thus their incidence in children are generally unknown, particularly in areas of endermcity. This study was undertaken to evaluate the application of a two-reaction multiplex PCR assay to differentiate E. coli isolates and determine their distribution among children with and without diarrhea living in poor rural communities, subjects that are particularly susceptible to infectious diarrhea.

The manuscript has not been accepted for publication elsewhere.

All authors have seen and approved the content, and have contributed significantly to the work.

Sincerely,

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