Reviewer’s report

Title: Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus prevalence: Current susceptibility patterns in Trinidad.

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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)
I still have a problem with Table 2. Strains that are susceptible to oxacillin can contain a betalactamase and therefore are penicillin and ampicillin resistant. The betalactamase will be inhibited by clavulanic acid and therefore strains that are penicillin/ampicillin resistant become susceptible to Augmentin. The resistance of 24.4% in hospital MSSA and 68.2% in Community MSSA is therefore not a real resistance but must be a problem with the method used for susceptibility testing ei an in vitro phenomena. I suggest the augmentin data be taken out of the paper as they are misleading.

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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)

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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: Acceptable

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Declaration of competing interests:

i declare no competing interests