Reviewer's report

Title: Survey of nasal carriage of Staphylococcus aureus and intestinal parasites among food handlers working at Gondar university, Northwest Ethiopia.

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Reviewer: Frieder Schaumburg

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The authors adress sufficiently the raised question. However, I would like to comment on two issues:

(1) The inconsistent results for resistance to penicillin (51.2%), amoxicillin (39%) and ampicillin (46.3%) might be due to sub-optimal application of testing conditions. However, if the interpretation guidelines of CLSI are applied, the resistance of penicillin and penicillinase labile penicillins should be the same. I therefore recommend to delete ampicillin and amoxicillin from table 5 but leave this question to the editor for final decision.

(2) It is more than understandable that some analyses are not available in the study center such as PCR for enterotoxin-detection. The study would have reached much more significance if these data had been available. I therefore recommend international cooperation for future studies to improve knowledge transfer and capacity building in Ethiopia (http://eurocryo-portal.ibmt.fraunhofer.de/StaphPortal/welcome.do;jsessionid=6AFFEACD71DBE897F9E6F38CC2BDA4EC).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.