Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of Clostridium difficile in raw beef, cow, sheep, goat, camel and buffalo meat in Iran

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Reviewer: Peter Massey

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Overall this is an interesting report that contributes to the understanding of C. difficile contamination in raw meat in Iran.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The type of meat product tested needs to be described more completely. The type of cut, how the meat was stored & presented at the butcher.
2. Limitations of the study need to be described.
3. The Results need to be more clearly show in the report. Combining the Results & Discussion is acceptable as long as the Results are clear. Some text to describe the results in addition to the Tables would assist.
4. How were controls or quality assurance managed at the lab? Please describe so that readers can be assured that the results are not due to lab contamination.

Minor Essential Revisions
5. Percentages should be reported as proportions. The percentages are to small to be meaningful. Example, 12/121 Beef samples tested positive.

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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests