Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence, Virulence Factors and Antimicrobial Susceptibility of Enterococcus faecalis Isolates from Patients with Dental Diseases

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
1. In the first PCR procedure (page 7) positive control has not been used.
2. No size marker has been used in the PCR tests.
3. Gel electrophoresis images should be given in the RESULTS section.
4. DNA has to be purified (in detection of E. faecalis virulence genes in page 8).

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
1. hour should be abbreviated as h not hr.
2. Contents of TBE should be written openly by molarity in parenthesis.
3. CLED agar should be written openly in the first use (Cysteine Lactose Electrolyte Deficient).
4. I think it should be Difco, USA in page 6.
5. Wrong use of some terms; this - This (page 2), S. utans - S. mutans (page 7), These study - These studies (page 12), result - results (page 13).

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.