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Title: Oropharyngeal and nasal Staphylococcus aureus carriage by healthy children

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Dear Editor,

Please find attached our manuscript # MS: 1558141099137412 “Oropharyngeal and nasal Staphylococcus aureus carriage by healthy children” which we submit for publication as Original Research in BMC Infectious Diseases.

Please find attached the revised manuscript and our replies to reviewers’ requests. The authors, all of whom contributed significantly to the manuscript and declare that they have no potential conflict of interest, have seen and approved the final version of the manuscript.

We declare that the text has been reviewed by a native English speaker with appropriate knowledge of the subject matter. We hope that you will now find the paper suitable for publication in BMC Infectious Diseases.

Yours faithfully,

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Thank you very much for the appreciation of your manuscript. The text has been revised according to the your suggestions.

Please include in your methods section the method used to randomly select the schools

1) The method used to select school has been added (p. 5, lines 80-82).

Please include the information that it was not possible to establish whether more than 1 strain type of S. aureus could be identified in children carrying this pathogen due to lack of genotyping and phenotyping data. This information was included in the cover letter but does not appear to be in the discussion section.

2) The sentence has been clarified as requested (p. 8, lines 165-164).

Please include a statement regarding the ethical approval sought for your work. This should include the name of the specific ethics committee that approved the study.

3) Information on Ethics Committee has been added (p. 5, lines 88-89).