Reviewer’s report

Title: Oropharyngeal and nasal Staphylococcus aureus carriage by healthy children

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The manuscript by Esposito et al describes a comprehensive study accessing the prevalence of oropharyngeal and nasal S. aureus carriage in healthy children and adolescents. A total of 497 oropharyngeal and nasal swabs were collected during the second and third week of December 2013 from children and adolescents attending five randomly selected schools in Milan, Italy. As it had been previously demonstrated by others, the authors highlighted the importance of adding throat to nasal screening when monitoring the circulation of S. aureus in the community. The study was well performed and provided demographic and epidemiological data of S. aureus carriers.

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'