Reviewer’s report

Title: Nasopharyngeal carriage, spa types and antibiotic susceptibility profiles of Staphylococcus aureus from healthy children less than 5 years in Eastern Uganda

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The authors have satisfactorily responded to most of the comments in my previous review especially with regard to the study design. However, my previous observation under the "Ethics approval and consent to participate" in which the authors referenced three studies; Kateete et al (ref 8) and Seni et al (ref 9 &amp; 27) as being the source of their bacterial isolates, were not taken into consideration. These three referenced studies were conducted on adult population with SSI and will be inappropriate for the current study on children &lt;5 years. I think the authors should stick to their explanation of samples from 742 children in the main 2011 study (ref 36) out of ~1300 children investigated for pneumococcal carriage in IMHDSS (unpublished observation), and delete the three referenced studies.

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