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Title: Antimicrobial Susceptibility Patterns of Bacteria Isolated From Patients With Ear Discharge in Jimma Town, Southwest, Ethiopia

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Dear Saeedia Khwaja

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Thank you for sending us the final relevant comments on our manuscript, entitled “Antimicrobial Susceptibility Patterns of Bacteria Isolated From Patients With Ear Discharge in Jimma Town, Southwest, Ethiopia”.

We have addressed the comments and we look forward to see our manuscript get published.

Yours sincerely,

Zeleke M
(Reviewer 4): dear author, I think this revision is much better. Some minor changes and then I am happy to accept.
Response: Many thanks for your constructive feedback and accepting our manuscript.

Abstract
Line 3. Change to although it can also affect adults
Response: Comment accepted …although it ‘does’… changed to although it ‘can also’…
Line 7. Change to from patients with discharging ears which clinically equates to draining otitis media in developing countries with limited medical resources such as otoscopes.
Response: Comment accepted and indicated in the revised version.

Background.
At end of second paragraph add in otitis externa is an infection of the outer ear canal commoner in patients who have eczema and or diabetes.
Response: Comment accepted and indicated in the revised version.

In the conclusion, you can argue that due to the increase in resistance to antibiotics one can advocate to swab the ear first and wait for the result especially if the patient has already had treatment as shown by your data that this often the case. In the new cases then you can recommend a regime based according to your results but again swab before starting in case there is resistance to the treatment.
Response: Comment accepted and indicated in the revised version