Reviewer's report

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

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Patient selection:

How were patients selected or recruited? Discussion states >60% were children. Are these health services community services / paediatric services / hospitals?

Did the patients have isolated discharging ear or any associated symptoms or signs to help determine the diagnosis of AOM vs COM

Line 42:

Again what criteria did they use for patient selection? OM could be AOM/OME/CSOM. Different microbial findings would be expected for each of these? Did they separate the acute and the chronic? This needs describing in the methods.

Line 69:

Grammar: 'The data were checked"

Table 1:

Again COM - What is the definition used for this?

Line 106:

AOM and COM differ in treatment regime. Can the results be separated out more? E.g are you more likely to isolate an organism in the acute phase in patients that have had no prior treatment?
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