Reviewer’s report

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

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What to do to improve:

Correct all spelling and grammatical errors - see attachment.

Clarify what your p-values relate to in table 2.

Crucially, state clear criteria for diagnosis of different types of otitis media as the clinical presentation, aetiology and treatment differs widely. I notice that some of the bacteria isolated are often found more commonly in the external ear so clarification of how the swab was taken is essential.

Exclude non-infective otitis media as typically this is not treated with antibiotics.

The authors could explore antibiotics that may be used topically, given (line 115) the majority of bacteria were sensitive to antibiotics available in topical form (eg ciprofloxacin, gentamicin). Have these results in particular changed your own practice?

Perhaps narrowing the focus of the study down to demonstrate the range of bacteria found in AOM with perforation in Jemma Town, would be useful data in that geographical area.
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