Reviewer’s report

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

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dear author, I think this revision is much better. Some minor changes and then I am happy to accept.

Abstract line 3. Change to although it can also affect adults

Abstract 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.

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.

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 incase there is resistance to the treatment.

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