Author’s response to reviews

Title: Resistance profile of clinically relevant bacterial isolates against fluoroquinolone in Ethiopia: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Author’s response to reviews:

Dear Editor,

We have addressed all minor but essential comments during the previous revision. You have requested clear version of manuscript at this stage despite the presence of some essential changes that are taken place.

The revision and point by point responses are provided accordingly in the following way. Would you mind telling what amendments are remaining?

Response to editor

• We attempted to address all minor but essential concerns raised by reviewers.
- As per reviewer 3 comment, for the sake of somehow increasing the resolution of figures (Figure 2 and 3), the analyses has now based on STATA 15.0 without significant change in overall estimates. This has now also resolved negative values seen in confidence intervals.

- The bacteria based subground analysis has now presented in the form of table (Table 2).

- We strictly followed and filled PRISMA checklist (See additional file 1).

- Declaration section has been formatted according to the journal style.

- We have incorporated list of abbreviation before declaration section.

- The description of additional files (Table S1 and S2) has been added after list of figure legends.

Reviewer reports:

Nor Azlina A Rahman (Reviewer 1):

A well written manuscript, just need a few minor corrections as indicated in the file attached.

For the tables, row of headings could be better formatted as center alignment, and columns with number could be better formatted center or R alignment.

Authors Response

- Dear reviewer, we thank you for constructive comments provided for the betterment of the manuscript. We have addressed all the comments. Please kindly see the tables and figures.

Santosh Kumar, PhD (Reviewer 2):

Authors Response

- Dear, we have addressed discretionary revisions requested.
Md Zakirul Islam, MBBS, MPhil (Reviewer 3):

1. Please review the article for minor grammatical and spelling mistakes.

2. Please submit high resolution figures.

3. Reference section need some revision. Add full stop after author names, fix the unnecessary bold or capital area of the reference section.

Authors Response

• Dear, we have critically revised the manuscript once again for any spelling, syntax and grammatical mistakes throughout

• Resolution of figures has now a little bit increased with the aid of STATA software without change in overall estimates (Figure 2 and 3)

• For referencing section, we used ENDNOTE version 8.2 with BMC format. We have now manually corrected some inconsistencies in capital and bold areas.

Massimo Sartelli (Reviewer 4):

Interesting study with important data. The authors basing on these results should stress the need for antimicrobial stewardship programs worldwide and mention the impact that these results can have on Ethiopian health care

Authors Response

• Dear, we have incorporated such concerns in discussion and conclusion sections

Sincerely yours