

Review of: "Clinical and Subclinical Bovine Mastitis: Staphylococcus aureus Isolation and Identification from Dairy Farms Located in and Around Hawassa Town, Southern Ethiopia"

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This study deals with an important subject, but not an original one, related to mastitis in Ethiopian cattle, with high economic and hygienic impacts, in particular for the African context. The staphylococcal infection within mastitis occurs commonly among lactating females according to a clinical and subclinical pattern. The authors reported a high prevalence rate of these infections and isolated *S. aureus* from milk samples. The study is well designed and conducted; however, some points must be addressed before acceptance and publication.

- The whole manuscript should be reviewed by a native English speaker.

-Abstract

*This section should be rewritten and developed.

*"Mastitis is an expensive disease of dairy cattle": rephrase

*Objective: not clear

"This study was performed in order to identify,,,,, and to determin....."

* Results: replace "During the study period," with A total of ...

*Keywords: California Mastitis Test (CMT), Dairy cows, Bacteriology, Mastitis, Risk factor, Staphylococcus aureus, Ethiopia.

Introduction

The introduction can be shortened, and the widely important antimicrobial resistance problem of *S. aureus* strains was not addressed, given its impact as a One Health challenge.

Study Area

At the end of this section, the total livestock population may include camels?

Milk Sample Collection and Udder Cleaning sections may be regrouped to avoid repetition.

Isolation and Identification

- This repeated paragraph should be removed: "Udder cleaning was performed with clean water, soap, and dried with a clean towel, followed by teat disinfection with 70% alcohol before milk sampling. Ten milliliters of milk was taken after discarding the forestrip milk from each dairy cow. Transportation was done to the HU-FVM lab by keeping an icebox containing ice packs."

- The authors speak on swab sampling; however, there is no indication in the Materials and Methods section.

-Table 3

Try to check the sum for the husbandry system (233+27=~~260~~), not 250.

Accepted with major revisions.