

Review of: "Carriage of oropharyngeal bacteria among children in a vulnerable rural population living in a tropical region in São Paulo, Brazil"

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I would like to congratulate the authors on a very well-written manuscript. My only concern is the need to calibrate the process of sample collection. Using saline-moistened swabs and rubbing these on the tonsils might be a variable between different examiners, leading to variations in sample collection. Otherwise, my conclusion is that the work is very suitable for publication.

I would like to mention that I'm a dentist who is interested in the immunology of the oral cavity relative to the oral microbiome. I would like to suggest that you send the manuscript to a microbiologist.

I have one doubt that you might have intended to send it to the name of my late father, Prof. Yehia El Batawi, a microbiologist, and I had it for review by mistake.