

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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- A concise background is necessary. Make it short and chronological to help readers understand more easily. Four paragraphs are adequate, consisting of 4 to 5 sentences each, for the background section relating to *S. aureus* as a causative pathogen and its associated impacts on dairy farms and the transmission of infection.
- Operational definitions for subclinical and clinical must be explained in the methods, not in the background section.
- What is the importance of detecting only *S. aureus* as an aetiology for mastitis? Is it the third most common? How about the first or second most common bacteria?
- Is there any reason other bacterial species were not reported in the study?
- Citation in the background for economic loss of *S. aureus* as a causative pathogen for mastitis with Kubota et al. 2007; it is wrongly cited since that article provides information on particular PCR techniques to improve its diagnostic value.