

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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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

The manuscript needs a lot of correction and modification....

1. In the manuscript, the line numbering is missing. As this numbering helps the reviewer to provide point-wise comments directly.
2. When an author starts writing a manuscript, the first line means or matters a lot. The author should start the manuscript with a proper term. The manuscript is about mastitis, and isolation was done on a dairy farm. So, the author should start accordingly.
3. The objectives were not presented in a proper way. The author can take help from several other research articles for that.
4. In the abstract section (in the method part), the author has not mentioned the state and country of the field (from where the sample collection was done), which makes the field information incomplete.
5. In the abstract section (in the result part), in the last sentence ' and this agent was identified in 60 (47.2%) milk samples', in this sentence, what is meant by the agent according to the author, and if it is *S. aureus*, then you need to use the term pathogen, microbes, microorganism, etc.
6. Abstract section (in the conclusion part): The first sentence has a typo error. Kindly correct it.
7. In the method section (Study area), incomplete location details are provided.
8. In the method section (Study animal), the third sentence is totally meaningless. Kindly rephrase it.
9. In the method section (Study design), what sample was taken for the research was not mentioned.
10. In the method section (Study size determination), kindly provide a proper reference for the sample size calculation. Kindly check the reference. Additionally, in the manuscript, it is clearly mentioned that, as per the calculation, the requirement was 236. Then kindly mention the criteria considered to include 250 lactating cows.
11. Study Method: A reference is missing for the CMT test.
12. In the same section (Study methodology): in the 2nd sentence, "Cows with mastitis were subjected to bacteriological examination to identify *Staphylococcus aureus*", what bacteriological examinations were done, kindly mention.
13. In the same section (Study methodology): In the manuscript, no information regarding the consent from the individual (farm owner) and an ethical statement for the research was mentioned anywhere. Before taking the interviews, consent needs to be taken.

14. California Mastitis Test (CMT)P: Kindly describe briefly the CMT test. Kindly check the reference (Quinn et al., 2002).
It does not match the literature.
15. Udder Cleaning: The manuscript is full of repetitions; kindly check and correct it before submitting to any journal.
16. Isolation and Identification: Check repetitions. Kindly check the reference. In the 10th sentence, the author has mentioned the use of NA plates. So, in this research work, the author has focused on *S. aureus*; why not use MSA instead of NA?
17. In the same section: What is the reason for using the purple agar base tests? As this test is mostly used for the identification of gram-negative enteric bacteria.
18. Kindly check the references for the entire manuscript. In many places, the reference does not match the literature.
19. In the sentence "The tube was incubated at 37°C and examined every 4-24 hours to see the presence of clotting. The reaction was considered coagulase-positive," it is 24 hrs, not 4-24 hrs.
20. Check the references (Tallent et al., 2001) and (Quinn et al., 2002).
21. In the result section: The quarter level calculation is not properly explained and does not even make any sense when using this calculation.
22. In the result section (Bacterial Isolation): The entire paragraph needs to be rephrased to make it meaningful.
23. The selection criteria for the study are not clear. This needs to be mentioned in the initial part of the methodology, not in the result section.
24. Rephrase the entire section (Risk Factors Associated with Mastitis).
25. The discussion and conclusion parts also need more attention.