

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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The manuscript is studying a very important health problem in dairy farms. The study is well organized, but it needs English editing and proofreading. Furthermore, the introduction section is too long and should be shortened.

I had some queries

1- The authors mentioned that a total of 250 lactating cows were examined for clinical and subclinical mastitis from randomly selected dairy farms, and 127 milk samples were positive; looking at table 3, if you calculate the total of positives in each risk factor group, the result is not equal to 127 (positive samples in group breed cross= 32 and breed exotic= 83, so the total is 115). See table 3 in the attached PDF file. There were 12 positive cases missed in the logistic regression study?! Explain why?

2- The authors did not mention that the logistic study included only subclinical cases and excluded clinical cases. **Table 3.** Logistic regression analysis of potential risk factors for the occurrence of mastitis in the study area."

3- The authors studied all positive cases of mastitis "clinical and subclinical cases" bacteriologically, so why did they not do the same for the statistical study of mastitis?