

### Review Form 3

Journal Name:	<a href="#">South Asian Journal of Research in Microbiology</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_SAJRM_128759
Title of the Manuscript:	PREVALENCE OF EXTENDED SPECTRUM BETA-LACTAMASE PRODUCING BACTERIA IN PATIENTS WITH WOUND INFECTIONS ATTENDING TERTIARY HOSPITALS IN ENUGU, NIGERIA.
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	<b>This manuscript is relevant to the scientific community within the area of infectious diseases and multidrug resistance. It is well-established that multidrug resistance has emerged as a substantial threat to societal health, primarily due to the inappropriate use of antibiotics; hence, it is crucial to document the prevalence of such resistance in order to make available essential data for policymakers.</b>	I concur with the reviewer
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<b>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</b>	Well to an extent it is. However, I have some reservations. I think molecular studies should be employed in these kind of study, in order to ascertain the level of ESBL resistance genes present. It is very possible that phenotypically these enzymes are not been produced but the genes might be present. I'll recommend the author to check for these ESBL resistance genes among these isolates.	The molecular studies have been included
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>	The references are not recent. There are actually very recent studies on ESBL producers, the author should check them	The necessary corrections have been made.

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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	YES	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	I think molecular studies should be employed in these kind of study, in order to ascertain the level of ESBL resistance genes present. It is very possible that phenotypically these enzymes are not been produced but the genes might be present. I'll recommend the author to check for these ESBL resistance genes among these isolates. This is my recommendation.	It has been taken care of.

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
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