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| Journal Name: | [**South Asian Journal of Research in Microbiology**](https://journalsajrm.com/index.php/SAJRM) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_SAJRM\_134752** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **MULTI-DRUG RESISTANCE PROFILE OF BACTERIA ISOLATES FROM URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS AMONGST HOSPITALIZED FEMALE PATIENTS IN BENIN CITY, EDO STATE** |
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| **PART 1: Comments** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment**  **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** *(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)* |
| **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.** | The manuscript is apt. It addresses the issue of Multi-Drug Resistance (MDR) which has become an issue of public Health concern. This manuscript is also is also very relevant because the study is on Urinary Tract Infections which is one of the most common microbial diseases encountered in medical practice affecting people of all ages and bacteria are the major causative agents responsible for more than 95% of urinary tract infections. | Well said. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Title is okay but also suggesting “ Bacteriuria Amongst Hospitalized Female Patients and Multi-Drug Resistance Profile” |  |
| **Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.** | Absract is suitable but suggest the following: (i) Total number of samples should be indicated. (ii) The sentence on ESBL production of *E. coli and mec A* gene in *S. aureus* should be deleted in the result portion since molecular identification/characterisation was not carried out since these can only be identified by molecular means. | Thanks for the observation, it has been duly corrected. |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. Manuscript is scientifically correct** | Manuscript is scientifically correct | Okay |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | References are sufficient and recent | Okay |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | Yes | Okay |
| **Optional/General** comments | Age related prevalence of the bacterial isolates should also be included in the manuscript. Manuscript is suitable for publication | This is also a very good observation but may not be very relevant in the current study which is limited by the sample size. |

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