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| Journal Name: | South Asian Journal of Research in Microbiology |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_** **SAJRM \_140007** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Evaluation of Antibiotic Susceptibility Pattern of S. Pneumoniae Isolated from Patients with Respiratory Tract Infections in General Hospital Dutsin-Ma, Katsina 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** (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.** | This study provides crucial local epidemiological data on multidrug-resistant (MDR) Streptococcus pneumoniae, a major respiratory pathogen, in Northern Nigeria, thereby addressing a critical public health concern regarding antibiotic resistance and offering vital insights for guiding empirical therapy, antimicrobial stewardship, and policy interventions in antibiotic usage and infection control. | Provides information on prevalence of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* in the study area. It also an insight on the antibiotic resistance pattern of the isolate and identify gap for further research to be conducted. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, the title is suitable and reflects the content and scope of the study. No change recommended. | Agree with reviewer’s comment |
| **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.** | The abstract is generally thorough but could be enhanced with a more defined structure, specifically by better distinguishing the methodology from the results and addressing minor grammatical errors (e.g., rephrasing “public health ranging from…”). Including specific details, such as the sample size (50) and the 36% prevalence rate, in the abstract would also increase clarity. | The points identified by reviewer were properly addressed. |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | The manuscript is scientifically sound, and the methodology is appropriately described. The study design, sample size, and analysis are suitable. The use of CLSI standards for susceptibility testing is appropriate. Results are well presented and discussed in the context of existing literature. | Agree with reviewer’s comment |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have**  **suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | References are generally sufficient and include recent sources up to 2025.  However, citation consistency should be reviewed. Ensure all references are properly formatted. | All references were properly formatted |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | The manuscript would benefit from careful proofreading. There are several grammatical errors, awkward phrasings, and typographical issues that need correction for improved readability and scholarly tone. | This is noted and addressed |
| **Optional/General** comments | **-**Minor revisions needed in formatting and grammar.  -Ensure consistency in the number of samples (20 vs. 50 mentioned in different sections). | Manuscript revised and samples size of 50 was harmonized. |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |