

**Editor's Comment:**

I have reviewed the material relating to this submission. The authors did respond to most of the reviewer's comments and modified the manuscript accordingly. However, I still have reservations in recommending the publication of this submission in this journal. The manuscript in terms of content and organization is acceptable, but the abstract does not conform to the standard format; being in sections of Background, aim, methods, results & conclusion. The title should not have the word 'strain' at the end of the title as the work did not provide identification of strains.

Aside from the manuscript itself, the work is too basic and Figures 1 & 2 are not useful to include in the submission; poor quality and uninformative. I believe the work could be improved and developed further before being accepted for publication. For example, the authors could use DNA methods to identify the genus of the bacteria and could provide results of testing the isolates against natural contaminated habitats or media.

My recommendation: Reject.

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