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<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Some More recommendation for further improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abstract Background: Please elaborate little bit more! “Otitis media is linked to middle ear inflammation and sequelae, frequently occurring in infants and early childhood dealing with the accumulation of fluid behind the eardrum. It is often associated with the absence of timely and appropriate antibacterial interventions.” - Abstract Results: First line: Mention the region! - Abstract Results: Were 24.5% MDR isolates found in 51 isolates? - References provided against the text should meet the demand in context that what authors are trying to say will validate their written content appropriately. - Antimicrobial Susceptibility of ear isolates: Procurement of antibiotics for this study. Provide the brand name! - Table 4 is quite interesting one. I suggest you to mention the names of classes of antibiotics such as Macrolides, tetracyclines, Fluroquinolones, Phenicol, Penicillin, Cephalosporin etc. against the specific isolate that has shown the antibiotic resistance pattern. It'll increase the value of your study, since you have all the data is available. - If possible, then please add some photographs of isolates being resistant to various antibiotics. - Recheck all the references again. - There are controversial remarks in places where author has followed the CLSI guidelines, but on the other hand they mentioned as antibiotic intervention effects should be driven by the valid results. They can do the corrections accordingly. <p>This manuscript should acceptable after carryout the revision on provided recommendations</p>	

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