

PART 1:

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Title of the Manuscript:	NASOPHARYNGYEAL CARRIAGE AND ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY OF STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE, IN CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS AT MBARARA REGIONAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL, UGANDA

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
Out of the 400 Nasopharyngeal swabs cultured, 76 (19.0%) grew <i>S. pneumoniae</i> and among the 76 isolates, 75 (98.68%) were resistant to Trimethoprim-sulfoxide, 55 (77.26%) were resistant to tetracycline. But 2 (97.37%) were susceptible to Cefotaxime. Among the factors assessed for nasopharyngeal carriage of <i>S.pneumoniae</i> none was significantly associated with carriage. Consider re-wording the above section as follows: The prevalence of <i>S. pneumoniae</i> in the cultured samples was reported at 19% (76/400). Of the positive isolates, 75/76 (99%) and 55/76 (77%) were shown to be resistant to Trimethoprim-sulfoxide and tetracycline, respectively. In addition, 2.6% of the isolates (2/76) were susceptible to cefotaxime. Though the nasopharyngeal carriage rate of <i>S.pneumoniae</i> was low there is a high resistance of these isolates to co-trimoxazole and tetracycline. Spelling error: Muller Hinton Should be: Mueller-Hinton Be consistent with your terms: In this study it was found that most of <i>S. pneumoniae</i> strains were resistant to cotrimoxazole (98.68%). In the abstract you refer to the drug as Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole This paper fails to provide any recommendations or future research directions. The author needs to be consistent with the naming of the antibiotics and the style in which it is written. The limitations section also needs expansion.	Comment [NA1]: Incorrect spelling Check through manuscript, it is also spelt wrong in Discussion, line 165. Comment [NA2]: This cannot be correct 2/76 is 2.6% Comment [NA3]: Italics Comment [NA4]: Consider adding in a recommendation as well.

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