

Editor's Comment:

I read and assessed all comments from reviewers. There are some elements of plagiarism raised by a reviewer and questioned the authenticity of the work. I checked independently such suspicion particularly in the section antimicrobial susceptibility tests (word for word for 3/4 of the paragraph). In addition, there are some issues in the method section:

- (i) The authors describe the study as cross-sectional study yet the study was conducted involving one abattoir and did not described from where the animals were coming from - from one far or many farms across a section.
- (ii) The authors did not describe the selection criteria for febrile patients for whom they collected samples. Where they also been randomized and if so how?
- (iii) The authors also mentioned the animals selected randomly yet to do not describe randomization procedure. Some 150 fecal samples were collected and yet do not say from 150 different animals etc.
- (iv) The authors did not define susceptibility and resistance in terms drug concentration levels The authors need to present antimicrobial activities on a bar chart for different level of antimicrobial susceptibility.
- (v) There should be some explanation as to why complete susceptibility for microbial organisms to antimicrobials in animals and not in human. Is it that the cattle (animals) are not exposed to antimicrobials in the environments such as food feeds etc. This would be more relevant in terms of control of antimicrobial use
- (vi) The conclusion do not necessarily reflect the findings

With these and other comments I am reluctant to recommend this MS for publication in the IJTDH.

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