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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">British Microbiology Research Journal</a>                                                                               |
| Manuscript Number:       | 2014_BMRJ_9726                                                                                                                      |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Community-associated methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (CA-MRSA) in children: a microbiological and epidemiological study |
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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                            | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | Some details are missing in this manuscript, therefore it may be considered for publication after revision.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ln. 46, 47 _ “in our settings”: do you mean in our hospital? “different hospitals”: do you mean hospitals in Brazil?</li> <li>Ln. 39 “... macrolides.” Add reference.</li> <li>Ln. 56 “all isolates ... ..from sterile sites.” Aren’t these isolates obtained from patients’ infected sites as described in lines 72-73.</li> <li>Ln. 62 “... three or less classes ... ..<br/>.” What are these antibiotics? Also this conflicts with what was said earlier (ln: 38-39): “CA-MRSA resist to two or less antimicrobial agents ...”</li> </ol> | <p>We mean “In Brazil”, so we substituted.</p> <p>We added references to this phrase.</p> <p>Yes, “sterile sites” mean sites that are not usually colonized by part of oru microbiome, as blood, pleural fluid, subcutaneous, etc.</p> <p>CA-MRSA are usually resistant to less antimicrobial agents, usually only to beta-lactams and macrolides. But some isolates are resistant to clindamycin to, so our classification criteria was 3 or less, and not 2 or less. But we</p> |



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|  | <p>5. Ln. 64-67 was residency in nursing home or long-term care facilities included as risk factor for HCA-MRSA?</p> <p>6. Ln. 72 The rate of MRSA found in this study was 38% (21/55), how does this compare with those in other studies in Brazil?</p> <p>7. Table 1 does not provide information other than what was already stated in the text. Since there were only 11 MRSA isolates, could you expand Table 1 by including data on isolation location (blood ....), and antibiotics susceptibility/resistance for each isolate.</p> <p>8. Add reference after ... parameters.” In line 90.</p> <p>Editorial suggestions:</p> <p>9. Delete repeated sentence “Of ... clones.” (lines 18-19)</p> <p>10. Space being added between words, e.g. in</p> | <p>included this information in the Introduction.</p> <p>Yes, but no patients were in these institutions.</p> <p>Resistance in the community is still rare (less than 5%, and in hospitals between 30-60%)</p> <p>The authors debated and decided to exclude the table.</p> <p>We included the references.</p> <p>Done</p> |
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|                                         | lines, 32, 34, 37, 41, 42, 48 ...<br><br>11. Delete words (line 82) “these novel”. | Done<br><br>They are novel clones. There are older typo IV associated with hospitals. |
| <b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments |                                                                                    |                                                                                       |