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Subject: Re: Request for evaluation of revised paper, reference number: 2014_OR_10268

The manuscript has been improved to some degree, but there is a major issue with Material and Methods that needs clarification:

On page 2; lines 39-42, the authors stated that "using cotton tipped applicator pre-moistened with sterile saline we swabbed the inferior tarsal conjunctiva (inside surface of the lower eye lid) and the fornix of the eye. The swab was placed in the transport medium and transported the microbiology laboratory of Kabale Regional Referral Hospital where it was cultured on blood, chocolate and MacConkey agar and incubated at 37°C for 24-48 hours under aerobic conditions except for chocolate agar plates which were kept in candle jar. ..."

The methods as described are not clear--did the authors used one cotton swab for all three cultures--or one swab taken from each eye and/or how the order of plating the swabs effected the results e.g., swabs first plated in blood agar, MacConkey or chocolate may produce very different results--it is not clear what procedures were used.

Minor points also need to be revised throughout the manuscript.

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