

**Editorial comments :**

In this work, the presence of hemin binding protein in oral streptococci was confirmed by sodium dodecyl sulfate–polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) using hemin-agarose beads. Poor quality of Fig 1B is shown. The hemin binding proteins of streptococci should be confirmed by Western blot assays.

**Author's feedback :**

1. The lower quality of Figure 1B is due to the lower concentration of hemin binding protein that can be obtained by hemin agarose. We tried several times, but getting very strong band was not possible. The Fig 1B can identify the hemin binding protein and show the presence of the protein even though the band is not very strong.

2. Because the antibody for hemin binding protein is not prepared yet, the Western blot was not possible. We tried modified blotting method by using hemin binding directly to the band after transferring the bacterial proteins to the membrane, but could not identify the hemin binding protein band since the non-specific binding of hemin to membrane was too high. As you suggested, the Western blot with antibody to the hemin binding protein will be performed in future studies