

Editor's Comment:

The authors for this paper must be commended for their efforts. Unfortunately, I cannot recommend the publication of this work in its current form because of some very fundamental flaws. The authors were right in listing the several causes of diarrhea especially viruses, parasites and bacteria in children. While the authors listed several bacteria including *Escherichia coli* that is a normal flora (coliform) of the gastrointestinal tract (GIT), they failed to indicate which species were directly involved in the diarrhea as causative agents. Isolation of *Escherichia coli* (87.4%) in their work is not surprising because this is expected since this organism is a normal flora in the GIT. Authors should have made efforts to screen and determine what percentage of these *E. coli* were 0157:H7 strains, since this is the particular strain that is mostly associated with gastroenteritis.

If the authors did not have the facilities to identify or screen for the 0157:H7 strains, *E. coli* can completely be excluded from the study or the discussion. And the authors can focus on the other entero pathogens such as *Salmonella spp*, *Shigella spp*, *Vibrio cholera* etc. also associated with diarrhoea in children.

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