



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

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| Journal Name: | Annual Research & Review in Biology |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_ARRB_45445 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Molecular characterization and prevalence of antibiotic resistance in Escherichia coli isolated from raw goat milk |
| New title: | Isolation, incidence and molecular characterization of drug-resistant <i>Escherichia coli</i> of goat milk |
| Type of Article: | Original Research Papers |

PART 2:

| FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any) | Authors' response to final evaluator's comments |
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| <p>The authors of the above manuscript responded to the issues raised. It is imperative to register the following;</p> <p>1. Unprecedented high resistance rates were reported (up to 70.8% to imipenem for instance) to different antibiotics but following 2nd review, the authors admitted as follows; "We revised the raw data and found that just only 32.5% of isolates were resistant to imipenem...." While this is praise worthy, it gives cause for concern on integrity of this reports; how are we sure other raw data are not also analysed wrongly (mis-reported)?</p> <p>2. The authors' statement under "sample collection" that "A total of 250 raw milk samples were taken from healthy goats..." is definitely different from what their latest response conveys. Does 'authorization' to carry out study as obtained from Taif University suffice for ethical approval?</p> | |

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