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Peer Review Report for "COVID-19 and Increasing Risk of Antimicrobial Resistance"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 7 Dec 2020

Dear AE,
This chosen topic is a global issue that has been raised recently. Therefore, it needs extensive and fundamental search. The authors have mentioned to one of the ingredients used in hand sanitizers that leads to microbial resistance. Therefore, choosing a general title for the article does not seem appropriate.
On the other hand, the mentioned substance has been banned by the US Food and Drug Administration since April 2019 for use in hand sanitizers (Due to microbial resistance). Therefore, this issue can be investigated if you have significant statistics on the use of these substances now. Otherwise, the issue has already been proven.
I suggest they do a more comprehensive study on the selected topic.
Best Regards

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 15 Dec 2020

Dear AE,
This is a brief and useful report that can be published for public use.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) 31 Dec 2020

Dear AE,
Comments on a manuscript entitled " COVID-19 protection and increasing antimicrobial resistance" for the international journal of infection.
The manuscript is recommended to accept after minor revision. This manuscript demonstrates the general effect of Triclosan in hand sanitizers. There are several concerns with this manuscript as follow:
1. The authors did not explain the mechanism of action of Triclosan in antimicrobial resistance.
2. What dosage of Triclosan is normally used in hand washes?
3. English editing is highly recommended.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 4 Jan 2021

Dear EIC,
The manuscript is studied, and there are some comments which should be addressed by the author. According to the comments, the document needs minor revision.
Kind regards,

Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: EIC | **Revision** (0) 6 Jan 2021

Dear Author,
Reviewers have now commented on your paper. You will see that they are advising that you revise your manuscript. If you are prepared to undertake the work required, I would be pleased to reconsider my decision.
For your guidance, reviewers' comments are appended below.
If you decide to revise the work, please submit a list of changes or a rebuttal against each point which is being raised when you submit the revised manuscript.
Your revision is due by 15/01/ 2021.
To submit a revision, go to https://sites.kowsarpub.com/iji/ and log in as an Author. You will see a menu item call Submission Needing Revision. You will find your submission record there.
Yours sincerely
Bita Moudi, PhD

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Reply to Reviewers

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Dear editor,

Thank you and the reviewers for the comments. The comments of reviewers have been applied to the manuscript and are shortly described below:

Reviewer 1:

You have mentioned to one of the ingredients used in hand sanitizers that leads microbial resistance. Therefore, choosing a general title for the article does not seem appropriate.

On the other hand, the mentioned substance has been banned by the US Food and Drug Administration since April 2019 for use in hand sanitizers (Due to microbial resistance). Therefore, this issue can be investigated if you have significant statistics on the use of these substances now. Otherwise, the issue has already been proven.

Answer:

Triclosan was mentioned as an example in the text to emphasize the effect of ingredients and not that there are also other ingredients with other unknown effects that need to be studies. Therefore the title is relevant. However the usage of triclosan is banned and the text is altered based on it.

Reviewer 3:

1. The authors did not explain the mechanism of action of Triclosan in antimicrobial resistance.

Answer: the mechanism of action has been added to the manuscript and highlighted.

2. What dosage of Triclosan is normally used in hand washes?

Answer: Since its usage is banned now and it was only mentioned as an example to emphasize on the effect of hand sanitizers,we did not mentioned the dosage to avoid spending most parts of the manuscript on an example.

3. English editing is highly recommended.

Answer: The edit has been applied.

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Azam Asemi Rad: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) — 25 Jan 2021

Dear AE,
Considering that the manuscript had a peer review in the previous version, I read the manuscript and reviewed the sections modified by the author in response to the reviewers. I must point out that this version is suitable for acceptance in the journal.
Sincerely,

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) — 28 Jan 2021

Dear AE,
This article sounds to be acceptable for publication.
Thanks.

Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) — 3 Feb 2021

Dear EIC
Based on the authors' answers to the reviewers' comments, the reviewer(s) have recommended publication.
Kind regards.

Hamidreza Kouhpayeh: EIC | **Revision** (1) — 3 Feb 2021

Dear Author,
This article sounds to be acceptable for publication.
Thanks.