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# Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* Isolated from Central Region of Iran: Antibiotic Resistance and *SCCmecA* Types

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## 1 Original submission

1 comment · 28 Nov 2024

**zahra Absalan** Reviewer

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Please correct the manuscript according to standard English usage. Please correct the spacing between the ends of sentences and quotation marks, for example, in the first paragraph of the introduction.
Line 54: Please use the full term for HA-MRSA and give the abbreviation in parentheses when it is used for the first time in the manuscript. After that, the abbreviation is often used.
In the method section, lines 71-74: Please indicate whether the samples were from the same university hospital or different hospitals. If the samples were from the same hospital, please correct the grammar of the sentence.

Figure 1 and 2 legends: Please follow the journal's format for legends. The legend sentences are bolded here. If they do not need to be bolded, please change them to normal format.
In line 44, it is suggested that you use bacteria or agent instead of factor.
In lines 185 and 186, the phrase "(in this study)" is repeated twice, and it is suggested that the second instance be deleted.

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# Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Thanks to the editor of the journal and the esteemed reviewers; additional information will be sent to your service.

1-The corrected points are highlighted in this article.

2- We tried to apply the valuable comments of the reviewers exactly.

Reviewer 1:

-The manuscript needs grammatical editing. In several parts, the names of bacteria and genes need to be written in italic. Write the full name of abbreviated terms such as CA- MRSA in abstract and main text in the first mention and then use their abbreviation. The names of bacteria and genes were written in italic throughout the manuscript and the full name of abbreviated term "CA- MRSA was corrected in line 25 and 26.

Abstract
- In the method section of the abstract, the MRSA detection method was not mentioned.
The authors need to mention by which method (cefoxitin disc or mecA pcr), the MRSA
isolates were detected? It was corrected in line 14 and 15.
- In the method section of the abstract, the period (date) of study and the name of
hospitals need to be mentioned. It was corrected in line 11 to 13
- The conclusion of the abstract need to be written according to the obtained results. This section was corrected (Line 22 to 26).

Introduction
- Add some rationales regarding the importance of performing this study in the central
region of Iran. Added to the introduction section (Line 64 to 68).

Methods
- Write the name of studied hospitals. It was added (Line 78 to 80)
- Add ethical statement if available. It was added (Line 81).

Results
In the Table 2, write replace “semi sensitive” with “intermediate”. It was corrected in line 268.

Discussion
Write the limitations of the current study. Several limitations were added to the discussion section in line 220 to 223.

Reviewer 2:

Please, correct the manuscript according to standard English writing.
Please correct the spacing between the ends of sentences and quotation

marks. For example in the first paragraph of the introduction. It was corrected (it's specified in the first paragraph line 43 to 45).
Line 54: Please use the full term HA-MRSA and abbreviate it in parentheses when it is used for the first time in the manuscript. After that, the abbreviation is often used. It was corrected in line 55.

In the method section, lines 71-74: Please note whether the samples were from the same university hospital or different hospitals? If the samples were from the same hospital, please correct the grammar of the sentence. It was corrected in line 77 to 79.

Figure 1 and 2 legend: Please, direct the journal format about legends. The legend sentences are bolded here. If it needs not to bolded, please, change them to normal format. It was corrected in line 237 and 242.
In line 44, it is suggested that you use bacteria or agent instead of the factor. It was corrected in line 46.

In line 185 and 186 The word "(in this study)" is repeated twice, and it is suggested that the second instance be deleted. This item was deleted in line 190.

The Best Regards.

## 2 Revision 1

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*No public comments in this round.*