Reviewer's report

Title: Human bite injuries in the oro-facial region at the Muhimbili National Hospital, Tanzania

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Reviewer: Mohammad Motamedi

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Dear Editor:
Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. I would recommend publication after addressing the revisions below.

General issues; A-Editing needed
B-References need updating (the latest is 2005)
C-More preop + postop photos would be of interest to readers.

Specific issues:

1-Page 2 change - analyze to assess
- Line 5 to: In a prospective study, the details....
- toilet to cleansing (through-out the paper)
- how can you state "poly-microbial origin" when no cultures were done?
- how can you recommend "broad spectrum antibiotics" when all were chosen empirically? You should just state what you did without drawing specific conclusions.

2-Page 5 -The methodology; were the superficial wounds those which did not dehisce?
I would assume so. (clarify)
-Treatment; What was the basis for defining "infected wounds"? No cultures were done! Was it those that presented with gross puss and suppuration? (state criteria)
-It is not stated which antibiotic was used when and where or why; thus no conclusions can be drawn in this regard.(also correct this in the abstract)

3- Page 6 -"declared free of infection"? How? Better to state "appeared clean without suppuration or discharge etc...."
-Is an informed verbal consent valid? Why wasnâ##t a written consent
obtained?
4- Page 7 -change biggest to largest.
-change lead to led

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
'I declare that I have no competing interests' below.