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Dear Editor-in-Chief:

I am pleased to submit an original research article entitled "The pattern of constitutive and inducible clindamycin resistance in *Staphylococcus aureus* isolated from clinical samples, Shiraz, Southwest of Iran" for consideration for publication in the *GMJ*.

In this manuscript, we show that Of 302 collected *S. aureus* isolates, 134 (44.4%) were MRSA and 168 (55.6%) were MSSA. Inducible MLS_B resistance, observed in 10.4% of all recovered MRSA and 3% of all MSSA isolates. The majority of MRSA isolates (77.6%) were constituted MLS_B phenotype (cMLS_B); this phenotype was seen in 4.1% of our tested MSSA isolates.

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by the *GMJ* because the accurate susceptibility data for constitutive and inducible clindamycin resistance in *Staphylococcus aureus* isolates are important for appropriate therapy decisions.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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