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Dear World Journal of Clinical Infectious Diseases Editor,

We are submitting our paper titled "Mutations of the *brpR* and *brpS* genes affect biofilm formation in *Staphylococcus aureus*" for consideration for publication. I have been using biostatistics for 36 years in most of the 62 papers that I have published. For *in vitro* analyses, the standard statistical tool has been a two-tailed Student's t test. The statistical data presented in this paper used a two-tailed Student's t test to assess probability, which is the same type of statistical tool that many editors have deemed acceptable for my other published papers.

Sincerely,

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