

To the Editor

ANTIBIOTIC SUSCEPTIBILITY OF ENTEROCOCCI

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I read with interest Dr. Akan et al.'s paper entitled "Antibiotic susceptibilities of enterococci isolated from Turkish children" in the January-March 1997 issue of the Journal (1997; 39: 13-17).

I wished that researchers from the infectious disease department would give us not only microbiologic results but also, at the same time, the clinical relevance of these important studies.

The authors stated in their paper, "For years enterococci have been considered as harmless inhabitants of the gastrointestinal tracts of human and animals", and presented their work on bacterias isolated from urine, wounds and blood. Does it mean, their initial phrase changed over the years?

If "enterococci do not possess the comon virulence factors", what does "intrinsic resistance factors" mean with regard to these bacteria?

I suppose 1954 on page 14 would be 1994.

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