

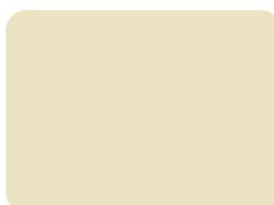
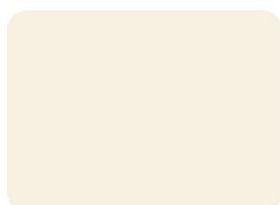
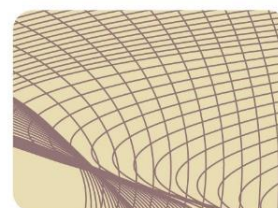
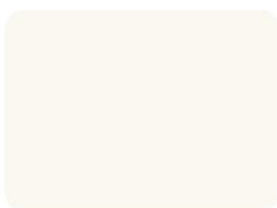


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ID 11 - Identification of *Moraxella* species and morphologically similar organisms



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Comments on Section 4 - Introduction

British Infection Association

Comment number: 1

Date received: 02/04/2026

1. P6 - "Moraxella osloensis is commonly isolated in blood cultures. Infections caused by M. osloensis include endocarditis, meningitis [...] Isolated M. osloensis bacteraemia is uncommon in immune competent patients". To me this is slightly misleading, particularly when the sentences are ordered in this way.

I would propose wording the SMI paragraph along the lines of: "Moraxella osloensis is commonly isolated in blood cultures. In immune competent patients, it is infrequently of clinical significance [or "often represents contamination"]. M. osloensis has been reported as a rare cause of invasive infection including endocarditis, meningitis, septic arthritis, osteomyelitis and bacteraemia, particularly in immunocompromised patients."

2. Also, the next sentence in this same paragraph contains a grammatical error, suggest replacing the words "ocular bacterial pathogens" with "have been".

Recommended Action

1. ACCEPT. The paragraph has been modified
2. ACCEPT. Error has been corrected.

Comments on Section 6 - Identification

North Kent Pathology Service

Comment number: 2

Date received: 31/03/2026

I have not previously used the term 'hockey puck' test, instead calling it the 'shove' test

Recommended Action

1. ACCEPT. The statement has been modified to include 'shove' test.

Rama Medical college and research centre, Kanpur

Comment number: 3

Date received: 09/04/2026

Under subsection 6.3, in Table 1, "Variably sized diplococcobacillary to red-shaped cells that are often fimbriated is written for M.atalantae. The red-shaped cells mean rod-shaped. So, the sentence may be rewritten as" Variably sized diplococcobacillary to rod-shaped cells that are often fimbriated."

Recommended Action

1. ACCEPT. This has been corrected.

Comments on Section 7 - Reporting

Italy

Comment number: 4

Date received: 03/04/2026

1. In the case of *Oligella* spp isolation from genital samples: The microorganism isolated in culture may indicate colonization. The result must be interpreted in light of the clinical and epidemiological picture.
2. In the case of *Psychrobacter* spp: The microorganism isolated in culture is found in a wide variety of habitats (from the marine environment to the human microbiota). The result must be interpreted in light of the clinical and epidemiological picture.

Recommended Action

1. ACCEPT. A statement covering this has been added to the reporting section.
2. ACCEPT. A statement covering this has been added to the reporting section.

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