

**Library & Information Services**

**Journal Club Checklist**

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| **Title** | **Staphylococcal bacterial contamination of portable electronic devices in a large veterinary hospital**  Journal of Small Animal Practice, 62 (4), pp. 253-256. |
| **What are the aims or objectives of the study?** |  |
| **Who carried out the research?** |  |
| **When and where was the research carried out?** |  |
| **Is there a specific research question or hypothesis?** |  |
| **Why do you want to review this paper?** |  |
| **What methods did the researchers use?** |  |
| **Is this methodology appropriate to the objectives or question? And are there any potential sources of bias?** |  |
| **Is the study design described clearly enough to enable you to follow what was done?** |  |
| **Are the type of samples and participants clearly described?** |  |
| **How many samples and participants were included in the study?** |  |
| **Are these samples and participants, relevant to your practice, if not what differences need to be considered?** |  |
| **Do you think that the data collected are clearly described?** |  |
| **Are all samples and participants accounted for in the analysis?** |  |
| **Are the results of the study clearly described?**  **What could the researchers have done to make the results clearer?** |  |
| **Do the results published answer the research questions?** |  |
| **What evidence do the authors put forward to support the statement that the majority of staphylococci found were of likely human origin?** |  |
| **This study concentrated on contamination with staphylococci, what other organisms could be responsible for contamination in veterinary practice?** |  |
| **Do the findings support or alter your current knowledge?** |  |
| **In terms of the frequency and method of cleaning PEDs, do you think you would get similar results in your own practice?** |  |
| **What other surfaces and objects in your practice are likely to be contaminated by humans?** |  |
| **Do you have suitable cleaning protocols in your practice for portable electronic devices and other touch surfaces?** |  |
| **Do the findings provide sufficient evidence for you to consider changing your current practice?** |  |
| **If so, what changes would you like to make in your practice?** |  |