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#### **Highlights**

- 70.8% of healthy subjects harboured *Enterococcus* isolates in a community setting.
- 55% of isolates were identified as E. faecium and 45% as E. faecalis.
- The prevalence of vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) was 21%.
- All VRE isolates harboured the *vanA* gene.
- A high percentage (88%) of multidrug resistance was observed.

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