Reviewer's report

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Nice review, only needing minor changes to references on page 1

Ref 3 (line 49) has been superseded by a 2005 publication that includes more up to date maps of antimicrobial resistance (Bhan et al Lancet 2005; 366: 749–62) and this could be added, together with adding a ref on line 53 to the relative increase in paratyphi A in travellers eg Connor & Schwartz Lancet Infect Dis 2005; 5: 623–28. Ref 9 (line 66 and ref list) could do with a full web reference as difficult to find.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests