Reviewer's report

Title: Incidence, risk factors and treatment of diarrhoea among Dutch travellers: reasons not to routinely prescribe antibiotics

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This is a clear-cut paper which is well written and deserves to be published. A few questions and comments are listed below:

How did the investigator know that all participants were immunocompetent?

It is somewhat sad that the traditional definition of TD was not used. It would have been possible to ask for the number of stool passages and thereby achieving additional information. As it is now, the authors rightly admit difficulties to compare with other studies and the attack rate in the present study was high......

As the participants did see a registered nurse at the return (good!), it would have been possible to include further questions on compliance to sanitary recommendation, albeit in retrospect

Was it possible to learn if the users of an antibiotic had started with loperamide?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have participated in an advisory board for Dukoral from Crucell AB. Dukoral might be an alternative to antibiotics for prevention. I am also giving lectures which are arranged by the same company.