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Discretionary revisions (Minor issues not for publication)

1. In Results paragraph 10, the text is illustrated not only by Figure 2 as the authors point out but also Figure 3.
2. In Results paragraph 11, results from the year 2007 are left out. I can’t tell what the reasoning behind this is. Is it because it’s not as significant as results from the other years?
3. In Results paragraph 15, the MICs of the remainder isolates tested with ciprofloxacin are stated but a reader not familiar with the breakpoints would not know if this means susceptible or non-susceptible. A few words in that same sentence would clarify.
4. In Table 1, it would be a good idea to boldface type any p-values that are considered significant. This makes them easy to spot and also specifies what the authors are considering significant.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.