Reviewer's report

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I think this is a well conducted study and makes a useful contribution to the quite small published literature on the clinical impact of infection with nalidixic acid resistant Salmonella typhi (NARST). I would agree with Chris Parry that it is not appropriate for the authors to make recommendations about the management of typhoid in the wider community since their study deals with the selected population seen at a tertiary referral hospital and does not address the question of whether mild forms of NARST infection may be occurring in the community and responding satisfactorily to quinolone treatment. It is legitimate, however, for them to raise this as a question meriting further investigation. I would side with Chris Parry in recommending this paper for publication provided all the issues raised by the reviewers (and with which I concur) are dealt with satisfactorily.