Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

None.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Line 42: replace "clone" with "clones."
2. Italicise Enterobacteriaceae throughout text
3. Line 92: replace ABI20 with API20E
4. Line 100: revise text to read: Only if patients verbally agreed to submit their pathogens for research, the isolates were transferred ...
5. Line 110: replace "applied" with "necessary"
6. Lines 112 & 113 revise text to read: during the investigation, and the investigation did not have any impact on patient management. All patients were informed verbally of our study’s purpose ...
7. Line 152: revised text to read: A phylogenetic tree of STs detected in this study was constructed ...

Discretionary Revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
**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.