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The authors identified qnr genes and chromosomal mutations in genes parC and gyrA leading to fluoroquinolone resistance in S. Typhi isolates in Switzerland. All comments are mentioned below.

1. Line 36: “representative selection” – Please give the number.
2. Line 41: Please give the period of time.
3. Line 46: Add a sentence regarding results for co-resistances (multidrug resistance).
4. Line 51: Please add only keywords that are not already mentioned in the manuscript title.
5. Line 94: Please add the number of single persons and the number of respective family members.
7. Line 122: What means 54 travel associated isolates? Are not all 192 isolates travel associated? In line 133 were named 82 patients with travel background – Please explain the different numbers.
8. Line 133: Please add the 3 main countries/regions were these persons came from (number and percentage).
9. Line 134: Please delete this sentence (repetition).
10. Line 140: Please add the percentage (0-18%) after “variably”.
11. Line 143: Start a new paragraph for presentation of the molecular results of quinolone resistant isolates. Please start with giving the total number and percentage of isolates with resistance to nalidixic acid.
12. Line 149: Please start with giving the total number and percentage of isolates with resistance to ciprofloxacin.
13. Line 161: Please add the number of isolates.
14. Table 1: please add a “TOTAL” line in the end of the table to give the total number of investigated isolates and respective total numbers (percentages) of resistant isolates.

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**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

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I declare that I have no competing interests.