**Author's response to reviews**

**Title:** Visceral Leishmaniasis owing to Leishmania infantum (L. chagasi) in a patient residing in Argentina. What is the origin of the infection?; Case Report.

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PDF covering letter
Dear Sir,
I send you the revised manuscript according to the reviewers comments and a point-by-point response to these comments.

1. **Comments from Luigi Gradoni**
   Page 1, Title. Following the recommendations of this referee we have added to the title the spanish adjective, but we consider that is more suitable to keep in it the question “What is the origin of the infection?”, since it is the question we wonder and around which turns the discussion, posing several possible origins of infection and their possibilities, but not been able to have the absolute certainty about them.

   Page 5, lines 16-17: O.K. correction made

   Page 7, line 16. O.K. We have extended the information provided by the legend of the Fig1 and we have changed this sentence in the text to show in a more exact way what the figure shows.

   Page 7, last sentence. We maintain that “in endemic regions there is a high proportion of asymptomatic carriers of *Leishmania*” and we add two new citations to give evidence. We modify the next sentence changing “can” for “could”.

   We remove the table 1 since we agree it is not giving aditional information.

   Figure 1: as we have previously mentioned, we have increased the information given in the legend of this figure informing about the geographical origin of the strains.

   We have also considered suitable all the suggestions of this referee indicated as “discretionary revisions”.

2. **Reviewer: Lucile M. Floeter-Winter**

   We have removed the Table 1.
We do not consider necessary to present a figure with the RAPD-PCR patterns because, unlike this referee thinks, it would not be illustrative: the obtained patterns are very complicated and must be analyzed in detail.

Sincerely

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