Reviewer's report

Title: The oral cavity is not a primary source for implantable pacemaker or cardioverter defibrillator infections

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This paper is interesting because compare the DNA found on the PM and the oral cavity?

The molecular technique used in adequate and well described

Two major point has to revised by the author:

1) Why conventional culture of PM, the standard technique so far used for diagnosis of PM infections, was not performed? This is a major point because otherwise we are not able to have diagnosis of infections.

The second point is the lack of clinical informations about the type of infections that may be impostant to better understand the paper: e.g. local infection with or without erosion, bacteremia and endocarditis?

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