Dear reviewers,

According to your kind advices, we brought deep corrections to our manuscript. First of all, we improved the writing. We reformat the contribution section and conflict and interest statement.

We highlight with coloured text all changes made when revising the manuscript. After discussion with our team of infectious disease, it appears that the two germs identified were Aeromonas veronii biovar sobria not the Aeromonas sobria.


We clarified the method of identification of the bacteria and the evaluation of the antibiogram. Regarding the type of leech used in our department, it was indeed the hirudo medicinalis and not hirudo verbana. The company Ricarimpex located in the west of France markets only hirudo medicinalis.


We clarified the antibiograms of our two patients. References were rewritten according to rules of journal.

Finally, we added two references to Whitaker’s articles in our discussion that we thought necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Maetz, MD