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Title: Sulfonamide Resistance in Disseminated Infection caused by Nocardia wallacei: a case report

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to submit to your Journal of Medical Case Reports this case report entitled “Sulfonamide Resistance in Disseminated Infection caused by Nocardia wallacei: a case report”.

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report of a multi-resistant Nocardia wallacei disseminated infection in an immunocompetent patient, and also the first detailed description of a successfully treatment with TMP-SMX despite of an initial in vitro resistance.

Reporting this particular ambiguity on susceptibility test results is a hopeful message that would permit to still considerate sulfonamide as a first-line treatment for nocardial disseminated infections.

Large microbiological studies have recently raised the concern of the emergence of sulfonamide resistance in some nocardial species without clinical evidence.

We expect that our case report will encourage the occurrence of further large studies in order to confirm the role of sulfonamides in the treatment of nocardial disseminated infections.

This manuscript has been prepared and approved in its present form by all the mentioned authors.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this submission. We remind you our interest in your review of our manuscript and our availability if any question should arise regarding this submission or during the review process.

Sincerely yours,

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