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Title: A Cluster of four Cases of Cutaneous Leishmaniasis by Leishmania donovani in Cyprus: a case report

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Re: Manuscript submission

Dear Editor,

We are pleased to submit a case report on a cluster of four leishmania cases in Cyprus entitled “A Cluster of four Cutaneous Leishmaniasis Cases by Leishmania donovani in Cyprus” for your consideration.

To our knowledge this is the first case of cutaneous leishmaniasis (CL) by L. donovani in a child and the first cluster of four cases of CL by L. donovani reported in Cyprus and Europe. Our cluster provides further evidence on the emergence of leishmania donovani as an autochthonous species in Europe. We believe that our case is suitable to be published in your journal regarding the emerging infections of leishmaniasis in Europe.

Attached please find a copy of our manuscript. The material presented is original and has not been submitted elsewhere. We do not consider our work redundant or a duplicate publication of the same or very similar work. All authors have read and approved of the final manuscript.

If you have further questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me at +357 99 646929 or via e-mail to the address below. I would like to thank you very much in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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