Letter to the Editor

Comment on “Necrotizing Urethritis due to *Aerococcus urinae*”

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I read with interest the case report of a man with necrotizing urethritis caused by *Aerococcus urinae* by Babaeer and coworkers [1]. This report clearly describes a novel and serious clinical presentation of an infection claimed to be caused by *Aerococcus urinae*. Soft tissue infections in the genital area caused by this organism have been described previously [2, 3] but the case described by Babaeer et al. adds important information on a severe course of infection. However, important questions regarding the aetiology in this case remain unanswered.

Species determination of aerococci is a difficult task with many pitfalls [4]. Therefore, it is vital for the reader to know how the identification of *A. urinae* in the urine culture was made in the present case. Of even greater importance, the reader needs to know if the “*Alpha Haemolytic Streptococcus*” isolated from tissue and from blood also could represent *A. urinae*. Without an explanation of the bacteriological investigations of the isolates from this patient, it is hard to determine the bacterial aetiology of the infection described.

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