

Comment on: Zoonosis: an unusual case of chronic osteomyelitis

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Dear Sir,

We read the letter 'Zoonosis: an unusual case of chronic osteomyelitis' with great interest.⁽¹⁾ Ng et al mentioned that "*this case report adds to the current limited understanding of Edwardsiella infections in humans and potentially represents the first observational evidence that Edwardsiella may persist within human tissues for a prolonged period of time*".⁽¹⁾ We would like to point out that in fact, *Edwardsiella anguillarum* infections are rarely reported in humans and are difficult to diagnose if the practitioner does not recognise them. Therefore, infection of the bone by this pathogen might be prolonged before a final diagnosis is derived. The authors' case report is also not the first. There are already some reports in the literature regarding chronic bone infection due to this pathogen.⁽²⁻⁴⁾ Generally, patients who have bone infection due to this pathogen usually have underlying disease, especially immune-haematological problems.⁽²⁻⁴⁾

Yours sincerely,

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Editor's note: The authors, Ng et al, have declined to respond to the above letter.