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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting paper describing a case of brucellosis initially misdiagnosed as a metastatic prostatic neoplasia. In the literature some cases of *Brucella* spp prostatitis and cases of vertebral osteomyelitis are described but this is the first case of involvement of both organs that led to an initial diagnostic error. The case is interesting and deserves publication. However, authors should avoid using the generic term of *Brucella* and use that of the isolated specie (*Brucella melitensis*? *B. suis*? *B. abortus*?) in blood cultures.