

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Aeromonas veronii biovar veronii and sepsis: Case report of an infrequent complication of biliary drainage placement

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting case report of Aeromonas-derived sepsis after biliary drainage. The manuscript is well-written and literature review is sufficient. I didn't know that Aeromonas infection is rare in Western countries because it is not so rare in Japan. I



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consider this report provides good clinical implications and worth publishing. Please provide some clinical images (such as CT) and provide the figures of Aeromonas in blood cultures.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors describe a case of monomicrobial infection, cholangitis and sepsis caused by *A. veronii* biovar *veronii*, a rare event in humans. It seems that it is the first reported case of sepsis from *A. veronii* biovar *veronii* following biliary drainage in Western countries.



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Aeromonas infection was related to the invasive biliary tract procedure which may have facilitated an ascending infection from intestinal bacteria. Aeromonas infection can lead to life-threatening clinical conditions and significant laboratory alterations. Biliary drainage can cause cholangitis and antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended a priori for this surgical maneuver. The presence of an infection from Aeromonas should also alert clinicians to the possibility of severe sepsis. Two references important for the discussion of bacteria in elderly are missing. Please expand the discussion with these two references (1: Serra N, Di Carlo P, Gulotta G, d' Arpa F, Giammanco A, Colomba C, Melfa G, Fasciana T, Sergi C. Bactibilia in women affected with diseases of the biliary tract and pancreas. A STROBE guidelines-adherent cross-sectional study in Southern Italy. J Med Microbiol. 2018 Aug;67(8):1090-1095. doi: 10.1099/jmm.0.000787. Epub 2018 Jul 5. PubMed PMID: 29975626. 2: Di Carlo P, Serra N, Gulotta G, Giammanco A, Colomba C, Melfa G, Fasciana T, Sergi C. Bactibilia in diseases of the biliary tract and pancreatic gland in patients older than 80 years: a STROBE-retrospective cohort study in a teaching hospital in Italy. Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis. 2018 May;37(5):953-958. doi: 10.1007/s10096-018-3213-y. Epub 2018 Feb 27. PubMed PMID: 29484561)!

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this report, Manlio et al presented an interesting and very rare case infected by A. veronii. The article was well organized and written. The case may be helpful for doctors when making their decisions. I have the following questions: 1. Did the authors ever



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considered to perform a culture of bile during the treatment? According to my experience, infection of biliary tract is the first possible diagnosis in such a case, with which the presentation of thrombocytopenia, anemia and kidney failure can be well explained 2. Why the authors gave steroid therapy in a patient who was very likely to have serious infection?

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