

Review of: "Overwhelming Post-Splenectomy Bacteremia Due to *Streptococcus bovis* Group Organisms: Report of Three Cases and Review of the Literature"

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The manuscript «Overwhelming Post-Splenectomy Bacteremia Due to *Streptococcus bovis* Group Organisms: Report of Three Cases and Review of the Literature» by Samuel McCollum and Joseph Myers reports 3 clinically well-documented cases of Post-Splenectomy Bacteremia from which *Streptococcus bovis* Group bacteria were isolated from blood cultures.

The main conclusion of the authors is that members of the *Streptococcus bovis*/*Streptococcus equinus* complex should be added to the bacterial species associated with overwhelming post-splenectomy infection (OPSI).

Therefore, I very strongly recommend that the authors should, before publication, the authors should:

- a. Give, in the Methods section, the methods and details used to isolate, and in particular, **to identify**, the species *Streptococcus bovis* resp. *Streptococcus bovis* Group.
- b. If the strains are still accessible in a bio-bank, which must be possible due to the severity of the cases, re-analyze the strains with reference methods or complementary methods to the original identification.
- c. Give a full antibiogram for the isolated strains.
- d. Correct an inconsistency in the description of Patient No. 2:
 - intravenous vancomycin and piperacillin/tazobactam
 - versus 2 lines later: She was treated with intravenous piperacillin/tazobactam for 24 hours, then parental ceftriaxone for 8 days. Followed by oral linezolid for 6 days