Letter from the Chief Editor

Zoonotic disease problems stretch across the globe and continued surveillance, identification and dissemination of information on the prevalence of the various pathogens involved is essential, no matter how localised. New rapid and standardised methods of identification would highlight emergence of new strains in particular those that may have developed resistance to current antibiotic therapies. One such genus, *Aeromonas*, is a normal inhabitant of fresh water, and occurs in water, soil and food, particularly meat, but certain species have been associated with diarrhoea and sometimes even fatal septicaemia in humans. In this issue the bacteria has been isolated from both poultry (pp 93-98) and fish (pp 99-106) from two geographically distinct regions of the world. Rapid identification and determination of risk factors as highlighted by the authors will contribute to the control and management of the impact of this pathogen.

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