

## **CORRIGENDUM**

# **Epidemiological investigation of a Legionnaires' disease outbreak in Christchurch, New Zealand: the value of spatial methods for practical public health – CORRIGENDUM**

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The authors would like to make a number of changes to their published paper listed below.

### **Under the heading: Laboratory investigations**

In paragraph 1 (page 791), the authors would like to amend the second sentence.

Only two cases were confirmed by culture as most patients were too ill to produce a sputum specimen.

should read:

Only two cases were confirmed by culture even though *Legionella* culture was undertaken on sputum samples on all but four cases (personal communication, Professor Murdoch, 2013).

### **Under the heading: Epidemiological results**

In paragraph 1 (page 792), the authors would like to correct a factual error. They claim that only 4 cases were hospitalized and that 15 cases were diagnosed by General Practitioners. This is an error. Rechecking record of admission data shows all but one case was admitted to hospital and all but one had a chest X-ray, with diagnosis made in hospital and not by a GP.

### **Table 2**

In Table 2 (page 794), for the column headed 'Culture', the authors would like to clarify that 4 of the 'Unknown' cases did not have sputum cultured. The laboratory data used are those known to the authors as of 1/12/2006.

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## **REFERENCE**

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