

# Authors' Reply

Dear Dr. Sora Yasri,  
Thank you for your reply to our case report<sup>[1]</sup> and your interest in our publication. We greatly appreciate the engagement from across the globe. You raise a valid point that while *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* has been described in several cases to be transmitted via crabs, as in Gilchrist,<sup>[2]</sup> it has not specifically been noted in *Chionoecetes opilio*. As such, it may not be accurate to attribute the infection directly to *C. opilio*, given the large number of shellfish species and other animals that our patient may have come into contact with (including other species of crab) which could have been the culprit. To your second point, this was largely poor phrasing on our part as we were referring to the first known isolation of *E. rhusiopathiae* in either animals or humans, which was by Loeffler,

who isolated the bacteria in swine erysipelas in 1886.<sup>[3]</sup>

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