

To the Editors:

## **An uncommon complication of *Salmonella paratyphi A* infection**

I read with interest the case of *Salmonella paratyphi A* endocarditis reported in the June 2010 issue of the Journal [1], and note that antibiotic therapy had only been given for 4 weeks.

The American Heart Association guidelines recommend ceftriaxone therapy for *Salmonella* endocarditis [2]. Last year (2009) we detected two patients with *Salmonella typhi* endocarditis, and treated them with 6 weeks of intravenous ceftriaxone. Both recovered completely, and did not have a relapse.

Six weeks rather than 4 weeks of antibiotic therapy is recommended for *Salmonella* endocarditis in order to prevent relapses.

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