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**Bacteremia due to the fastidious bacterium *Granulicatella adiacens*: A diagnosis that was almost missed**  
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### Abstract

Bacteremia due to *Granulicatella adiacens* has been rarely reported in the medical literature. A middle-aged gentleman developed necrotizing fasciitis on his left second toe after stepping on a nail. A ray amputation was performed and ceftazidime-susceptible *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was isolated from his bone culture. However, while receiving ceftazidime for the necrotizing fasciitis, his blood culture vial was positive for gram-positive cocci-shaped bacteria in short chains which grew as tiny non-lytic colonies on sheep blood agar only following extended incubation. There was no culture evidence of *P. aeruginosa* in the same blood specimen. The gram-positive organism was conclusively identified by matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization-time of flight mass spectrometry as *G. adiacens*. The patient was treated with benzylpenicillin (to which the organism tested susceptible) for 14 days before he was discharged home. © 2025, Malaysian Society for Parasitology. All rights reserved.

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