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## Response

### *To the Editor:*

At the time this article was submitted, an etiologic agent had not been positively identified for bacillary epithelioid angiomatosis (BEA). For this reason, BEA was discussed in "Skin manifestations of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV): Part 2. Noninfectious skin manifestations" (*JAOA* 1993;93:223-229). Because erythromycin and doxycycline therapy rapidly cleared BEA, this cutaneous vascularlike condition was thought to be bacterial in nature. The original studies isolated bacillus related to cat scratch disease. Since then, the rickettsial organism has been isolated, as Dr Woolery mentions.

For those interested readers, the articles Dr Woolery suggests confirm the etiologic agent and discuss the course and proper treatment of the disease.

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