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The reference Sant'Ana et al. (2008) <i>Biochem Pharmacol</i> 76, 279-288, should be deleted, since this particular publication had been reported to contain plagiarism and was withdrawn by the Journal Editor and the corresponding author. Below I transcribe the message displayed by the journal when the reference is accessed: This article has been retracted at the request of the Editor-in-Chief and Author. Please see Elsevier Policy on Article Withdrawal (http://www.elsevier.com/locate/withdrawalpolicy). Reason: The authors have plagiarized transmission electron microscopy figures published by others in <i>Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.</i>, 47 (2003) 1895–1901; doi:10.1128/AAC.47.6.1895-1901.2003). As such this article represents a severe abuse of the scientific publishing system. The scientific community takes a very strong view on this matter and we apologize to readers of the journal for this incident.	- We didn't know this information. Thanks a lot for announcing us. This reference was discarded as you kindly recommended.
1. In the legends for Figs. 1 and 2, indicate venom amount used in the assay so the reader does not have to refer to M&M.	Revised according to reviewer comment
The antiviral and antibacterial effects (in vitro) of some snake venoms is presented in this manuscript. The observation that snake venoms contain antimicrobial components is not entirely new, and also the concept that L-amino acid oxidase and phospholipase A2 may be associated with such activity has already been shown in several studies. Nevertheless, the data presented may be of some interest as a starting point for the isolation and characterization of the antimicrobial components of	- Thanks a lot for your kind comments

the snake venoms studied. The methods used are clearly described and results are adequately presented. The Discussion may be excessive in details, considering the descriptive nature of the study. In general the manuscript is well written, and I would only indicate a couple of minor points to be addressed.