

## **AUTHORS' REPLY**

Dear Sir,

Posaconazole is a new oral antifungal drug that is not available in Pakistan. The drug is metabolised in the liver. Except for a case report,<sup>(1)</sup> there is hardly any experience of using this drug in decompensated liver disease, and its safety in the presence of cirrhosis has not been studied before. Predicting the therapeutic effect of an orally administered drug is difficult, due to erratic absorption and shunting in cirrhotic patients.

Yours sincerely,

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