

AUTHORS' REPLY

Dear Sir,

We appreciate the comments made by Dr Viroj Wiwanitkit⁽¹⁾ on our article, "Comparison of haematological parameters in patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and alcoholic liver disease".⁽²⁾ We wish to reply the queries raised by him.

Congenital haemoglobinopathies are very rare in the ethnic population that we studied. Moreover, our study population comprised only adults. Haematological work-up was done in all patients. All haematological estimations were performed using similar methods and with the same automatic analyser. Causes of liver abnormalities that were other than alcohol/non-alcoholic steatohepatitis were excluded by relevant tests/investigations.

Yours sincerely,

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