

The conclusions that were drawn from our unique clinical story are as follows:

- Medical inventors and researchers are enthusiastic for the use of their experimental drugs in clinical situations.
- The weakest aspect of evidence-based medicine is the 'lack of evidence' in the related particular clinical problem. This represents a great challenge, particularly for real-life medical emergencies.
- Sometimes medical doctors have to make clinical decisions despite the lack of solid scientific evidence in the presence of urgent medical needs.
- Rat and animal studies may be the only source of evidence for human use in some medical emergencies.
- Nevertheless, the best clinical practice should rely on the best current evidence obtained through randomized controlled clinical trials.

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Hematology Laboratory Survey

Hematoloji Laboratuvar Anketi

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To the Editor,

We read the publication "Results of the Hematology Laboratory Survey: What Has Changed in Eight Years?" with great interest. Kozanoğlu et al. [1] noted that "Hematology laboratories have not been defined in the Turkish Medical Laboratories Regulation (2010, 2013), which regulates procedures and principles regarding the planning, licensing, opening, regulating, classifying, monitoring, controlling, and terminating of activities of medical laboratories". We would like to share ideas from our country in Indochina. In Thailand, there is no isolated

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hematology laboratory. All clinical hematology investigation is performed by a standard clinical laboratory medicine center [2]. Routine laboratory survey and quality surveillance for accreditation is the basic requirement. This might be a good way for quality control of laboratory processes. Indeed, there is a need for clinical pathologists or clinical hematologists for the management of a hematology laboratory. This is necessary for the assurance of the quality of laboratory diagnoses. The concept of isolated hematology and combination with other clinical laboratories in a single laboratory medicine unit is an

interesting topic for further discussion of the advantages and disadvantages.

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Reply to the Authors

To the Editor,

We read the letter from Mungmunpantipantip and Wiwanitkit regarding our publication on "Results of the Hematology Laboratory Survey: What Has Changed in Eight Years?"

First of all, we would like to thank the authors, that they have shared their experiences and ideas from their country. We understood that all clinical hematology investigation was performed by a standard clinical laboratory medicine center in Indochina and also, there is no isolated hematology laboratory in their country.

We all agree that the concept of isolated hematology and combination with other clinical laboratories in a single laboratory medicine unit is an interesting topic for further discussion on advantages and disadvantages. Many hematology laboratories have closed and/or were included into a central laboratory system after starting new regulations in Turkey. The authors also agree with us that there is a need for the clinical hematologist for management of the hematology laboratory. However, after the new regulations in our country, the managers of hematology laboratories became biochemistry specialists. But it is very important to evaluate specific tests in the hematology laboratory and to integrate them with the clinical status of patients. Therefore, the removal of clinical hematologists from hematology laboratories was a significant disadvantage. The routine laboratory survey and quality surveillance for accreditation is the basic requirement not only for hematology laboratories but also in all laboratories. However, after the new regulations implemented, only the quality issues will not be sufficient to solve problems related to hematology laboratories in Turkey.

Best Regards,

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