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**Dear Editor-in-Chief**

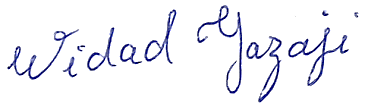
Please, find enclosed our manuscript by Yazaji *et al.* entitled “**Seropositivity of hepatitis B and C among Syrian multitransfused patients**” which we would like to submit as an **original article** to **Mediterranean journal of hematology and infectious diseases**.

In this study, we investigated the incidence of hepatitis B and C seropositivity, and its association with multiple transfusions among Syrian hemoglobinopathies patients. Despite the sensitive screening methods conducted in blood banks, Syria is of intermediate hepatitis prevalence and the risk of transmitting hepatitis via transfusion is still present especially when infectious blood is donated within the window period.

We feel that our work is interesting to the readership of Mediterranean journal of hematology and infectious diseases, since it draws the attention of healthcare providers to such a high risk group, and urge them to provide a safer blood transfusion by administering HBV vaccine, ensuring the immune status, and monitoring hepatitis markers regularly.

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Looking forward to your kind consideration.

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