

## Correspondence

### Chloroquine resistant vivax malaria in an infant: a report from India

Sir,

I read with great interest the case report by Ira Shah on "Chloroquine resistant vivax malaria in an infant: a report from India"<sup>1</sup>. If chloroquine resistant vivax malaria in an infant: a report from India rightly emphasizes the importance of proper use of antimalarials to prevent emergence of resistant strains. I would like to share my views regarding the management of this case.

The infant described in the case report had severe thrombocytopenia, hence he had severe vivax malaria by WHO guidelines for the treatment of malaria<sup>2</sup>. As per recommendations of these guidelines, treatment and case management for severe vivax malaria should be the same as for severe and complicated falciparum malaria.

Hence, I sincerely feel that the infant should have been started on quinine on the first visit itself considering it as severe vivax malaria. This would have prevented the unnecessary delay in the response to treatment.

#### References

1. Shah I. Chloroquine resistant vivax malaria in an infant: a report from India. *J Vector Borne Dis* 2008; 45: 176–7.
2. *Guidelines for the treatment of malaria*. Geneva: World Health Organization. Available from: <http://www.who.int/malaria/doc/TreatmentGuidelines2006.pdf>.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI) will be organizing workshops on Biostatistics and Research Ethics between July and September 2009 at Lucknow. Travel support may be available. Those interested in further details, may please contact: Dr Rakesh Aggarwal, Department of Gastroenterology, SGPGI, Lucknow at [sgpgi.courses@gmail.com](mailto:sgpgi.courses@gmail.com)