

To the Editors:

## Platelet recovery in dengue – a reply

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The article on platelet recovery in dengue is interesting [1]. Gooneratne *et al.* concluded that “the platelet recovery rates of patients from the 2011 outbreak were found to be slower than the platelet recovery rates of patients from the 2010 outbreak” [1]. This finding is interesting and requires further assessment. The difference might be due to several factors such as underlying haematological condition of the patients, age group, severity of dengue infection, strain of virus and it can also be an accidental finding.

For example, it is obviously noted that “platelet recovery was significantly slower with increasing grade” among the patients with bleeding presentation [2]. The cases with dengue shock syndrome usually have longer recovery periods [3]. Also, if the patient has underlying white blood cell malignant problem, the recovery time will be significantly delayed [4].

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