Response to “Letter to the Editor” by Balta et al. entitled “The Neutrophil–Lymphocyte Ratio Is Not Enough To Describe Inflammatory Condition”

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Dear Editor,

In our study, not only NLR was evaluated; also CRP, another inflammatory marker was already evaluated. Even, a significant relationship was found between them and we stated “CRP levels were correlated with NLR levels ($r = 0.397$, $p < 0.001$)”. In addition, other white blood cell parameters were also analyzed.

NLR was defined as reliable as other inflammatory cytokines in inflammation previously. (Calculation of NLR is very simple and cheap method when compared with the other inflammatory cytokines including IL-6, IL-1 β , and TNF- α [1]).

In our study, we did not compare NLR with other inflammatory cytokines. We already investigated the

relationship between NLR (a proven inflammatory marker) with sensorineural hearing loss in diabetic patients.

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