Editorial

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We get an increasing number of submissions each passing day that speaks about the growing interest in clinicians and researchers in the field of hematology as well as an expanding base and influence of the IJHB. Here we present again a number of high class work and observations on different aspects in hematology in India and abroad.

Present issue of the journal has a very informative and useful review of haematological abnormalities in Visceral leishmaniasis by Dr. Verma et al. Anemia is common finding in VL and is multifactorial in origin, the commonest mechanism being hemolysis whereas it may also be due to cytokine induced “anemia of chronic disease”. It has also been emphasized that in patients diagnosed with hemophagocytic syndrome, a diligent search for the etiologic agent including LD bodies should be made in order to initiate timely aggressive and effective treatment. A high degree of suspicion for VL needs to be maintained by the hematologists and it should be included in the differential diagnosis of patients presenting with fever, hepatosplenomegaly, anemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia,

pancytopenia or histiocytosis and DIC; particularly in geographical areas where the disease is endemic.

An article by Sidan Li et al. from China on the bone lesion in multiple myeloma reveals that majority of patients of MM have bone lesions at the time of diagnosis. Similar may be the case in India. However it needs to be studied if this is because of late diagnosis or due to inherently more aggressive nature of disease. Molecular characterization studies may unveil the basis of clinical heterogeneity in patients from different geographical locations.

Hematological disorders can present sometimes in a deceptive and unusual manner and only an aware and inquisitive mind can pick them up. The pool of knowledge about rare presentations of diseases gets richer when these are reported by fellow clinicians. The present issue brings out many such interesting case reports which definitely will help enrich our understanding about various haematological disorders.

Finally I am happy that we are able to catch up and will be able to bring future issues on time.

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