

Letter to the *Editör*

About Congenital Afibrinogenemia

Dear Sir,

I have read with pleasure Dr. Yapıcıoğlu and her colleagues' case presentation about congenital afibrinogenemia in the recent issue of the Journal (2000:17:217-219). Among the references I wish to see also some of the Turkish authors contributions related to the subject^{1,3}.

Among the causes of cord bleeding, I believe congenital deficiency of factor XIII would also be discussed as was brought to the attention by Prof Gurgey recently³.

As of hemoglobinopathies and different hereditary hematologic problems, I expect that case presentation would be enriched by molecular approaches at our time. According to this approach gene defects of fibrinogen (Aa, BJ3 ör γ) getting more clear, recently^{4,5}.

I am bringing this point into attention to that molecular defects of deficiencies could be better understood. I believe that if every one of us takes time to add some newest achievements related to the published papers in Journal, readers more easily would be exposed to them in a short period of time.

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