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Dear Sir,

References

We would like to thank Haboubi et al. [1] for their comments on our paper on veno-occlusive hepatic disease in renal transplantation [2] published in Nephron .

Concerning the question about the treatment of these patients with azathioprine we think, as stated in the paper, that it seems reasonable, at the present level of knowledge, to stop azathioprine administration and to choose an alternative drug. Actually, we believe that ciclosporin seems the best alternative. No case of veno-occlusive hepatic disease has been observed in our last 130 kidney grafts treated with ciclosporin.

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