I have read with interest Adeleji’s paper entitled ‘Lymphocyte subpopulations in homozygous sickle cell anemia’, in a recent issue of this journal [1]. I would like to learn whether his patients had been transfused since transfusion-induced lymphocyte alterations have been reported in patients with sickle cell anemia [2, 3]. Since the author’s patients were older than 17 years of age, I suppose they had several transfusions which may be the cause of lymphocyte subpopulation alterations.

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