

Editor's Comment:

Comments on the manuscript "Platelet Indices and Antiphospholipid Syndrome in Patients with Recurrent Pregnancy Loss"

The paper proposes the use of platelet indices to detect patients at risk for repeated pregnancy loss. This is a worthwhile scientific enquiry that proposes the use of often-neglected but routinely-generated laboratory data. The manuscript would have been easier to review if line numbers were inserted. This notwithstanding, the following are points to attend to:

- a. "Anti-cardiolipin" needs to be consistently spelt correctly, with no capitalization in the middle and correctly hyphenated.
- b. Compound words should also be appropriately hyphenated
- c. There's need to spell-check the entire document and edit for grammar, especially subject/verb agreement.
- d. There is no need to abbreviate "antibodies" to Abs, especially where the abbreviation occurs only once in the entire document.
- e. There is a concern that the 50 participants with APS conveniently fell into 25+ve for LAC abs and 25 negative for same. Were these selected from a pool of data? If so, what was the rationale for exclusion of the other pieces of data?
- f. P-value are enough to determine significance. There is no need to state whether a P-value is significant in the last column of Table 1.
- g. Also, it would be helpful if the PLT was included in Tables 1 and 3.
- h. Need to clarify if the categorization of subjects was based on LAC/aCL, or APS. The manuscript seems to suggest both.
- i. What are LA1 and LA2?
- j. Authors may consider stating the cut-off value as a single point (eg, 8.4) rather than a range (>8.4).
- k. Authors may consider revising the phrase "possess a necessary role" to read "contribute to the pathogenesis of ..."
- l. The rest of the comments are on the manuscripts.

With these addressed, the paper may be considered for publication.

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