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## Reply

1. The purpose of our research was comparison of bone density (BMD and BMC measured by DEXA) between thalassemia major, intermedia and normal subjects and we did not conclude that the difference was due to impaired mineralization.

2. We pointed out that low bone mass in thalassemic subjects is more the reflection of endocrine abnormalities and this is in agreement with comment by Dr. Khadilkar. We believe that the thalssemic patients have lower BMD due to adverse effects of chronic disease on pubertal and growth development.

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