

## AUTHOR'S REPLY

Dear Sir,

We thank Professor Wiwanitkit for his comments.<sup>(1)</sup> In our study, the prevalence of human bocavirus (HBoV) infection was 9.1% (20/220),<sup>(2)</sup> which is not considered high when compared to the prevalence rate of 1.5%–19.0% worldwide, although Kaplan et al did publish a study from Jordan that reported a high prevalence of 18.3% (57/312).<sup>(3)</sup>

The pathogenicity of HBoV is still not fully understood. In our study, the co-detection of HBoV with respiratory syncytial virus was 20% (data not shown). Furthermore, HBoV has been co-detected with metapneumovirus, influenza and parainfluenza-3 (unpublished data). In other studies, HBoV was also detected in the blood and stool samples of children with gastroenteritis,<sup>(4-6)</sup> as well as in asymptomatic patients.<sup>(7)</sup>

Yours sincerely,

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