

Reply

To the Editor,

We read Prof. Dr. Özsoylu's letter about our case report, "Hypopituitarism masquerading as Prasad's syndrome" (Turk J Pediatr 2011; 53: 702-704). We are grateful for his valuable interest and comments. We also thought this patient had both Prasad's syndrome and hypopituitarism. In this paper, our main message about this case was that Prasad's syndrome may masquerade as some very important diseases such as celiac disease, growth hormone deficiency and hypogonadotropic hypogonadism. Thus, before diagnosis of Prasad's syndrome, all of these problems should be ruled out.

Of course we know very well and remember with respect Dr. Tayanç and Dr. Reimann, and we appreciate their contributions to Turkish medicine. We often use their names in our daily practice and we teach their studies to our students in our courses. If we had written this case in one of the national journals in Turkish,

we would definitely have used the name of "Tayanç, Reimann and Prasad's syndrome" for this disease. However, the Turkish Journal of Pediatrics is one of the international journals indexed in Science Citation Index (SCI)-expanded. In our opinion, in this kind of journal, we must use the disease and syndrome names that are generally accepted in the international medical literature.

Nevertheless, we would like to thank Prof. Dr. Özsoylu for his valuable comments and we respect his opinion on this matter.

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