

## 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) infection in Saurashtra region, India

Sir,

The previous report on “2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) infection in Saurashtra region, India” by Chudasama *et al* is very interesting.<sup>[1]</sup> In that report ( $n = 274$ ), they concluded that “delayed referral from general practitioner/physician, duration of antiviral treatment, and presence of coexisting condition (especially pregnancy) were responsible for intensive care or mortality in patients of severe influenza A (H1N1) illness.<sup>[1]</sup>” Of interest, Chudasama *et al.* have just reported another article in J Family Med Prim Care ( $n = 511$ ) and came to a similar conclusion.<sup>[2]</sup> Although, the second study might confirm the finding in the first report, it seems that it might be a kind of self-plagiarism. It should also be noted that Chudasama *et al.* also studied the same group of subjects ( $n = 274$ ) and published the report in Lung India, but concluded differently that “pregnancy is found as a significant ( $P < 0.05$ ) risk factor for severe disease.<sup>[3]</sup>” It should be questioned on what the exact conclusion should be and whether these publications are salami publications.

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