



## Reply

**Reply letter to: Letter to the editor on the article "The seroprevalence rate and population genetic structure of human cystic echinococcosis in the Middle East: A systematic review and meta-analysis"**



Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We thank the authors of this letter for their interest in our article. As clearly indicated in the title of our published article, the strategy in our search was designed and focused on the population of genetic structure and comparative analyses of *Echinococcus granulosus sensu lato* genotypes that had previously been submitted to the GenBank database. There was a large number of genotypes (G1/G3/G6 and etc.) (more than 10 sequences from each strain) submitted from the different regions in the Middle East, while there was only one G7 strain (GenBank accession no.nad1, HQ717154, and cox1, HQ717155) submitted from Turkey. This single strain was statistically insignificant in number when compared with the other strains that we have found. Therefore, we did not consider this strain in our comparative analyses.

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