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Hemoglobin E Variants

I have read with interest the manuscript entitled 'Haemoglobin E variants; a clinical, haematological and biosynthetic study of four South African families' of *Bird* et al. in the August issue of the Journal [1]. I would like to bring to the authors' attention that double heterozygosity for HbS and HbE was first reported from Turkey by *Aksoy and Lehman* [2], and its frequency was found to be 0.36 in an Eti-Turk village [3]. Although the level of HbE in persons with this trait ranges from 27 to 32%, in general, as stated by the authors, if the level is higher HbE-Saskatoon ($\alpha_2\beta_{22\ Glu\rightarrow Lys}$) should be remembered, as in 1 of our cases [4].

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