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The manuscript "Dengue hemorrhagic fever and severe thrombocytopenia in a patient on mandatory anticoagulation; balancing two life threatening conditions; a case report" is well written. It will be useful for MDs. However, to make useful for the diverse readership of BMC, it would be great if authors can include platelet count in healthy subject, so non-medical readers can correlate the difference. Moreover, if they can address that whether this patient has been previously infected with dengue virus or not (I assume she must have)? If yes, what treatment plan she has been gone through? Although authors may not have done follow-up on this patient for dengue, have they follow up for her rest of the conditions? Presenting follow up platelet data, of blood platelet counts, or inclusion of IgM data would have helped. If authors have given a specific timelines of the events would have been more helpful for an outside reader. Especially, progression timeline is necessary to understand what is going on, rather than giving vague terms 'Next 24 hrs, or 48 hrs, and after/ before critical stage. If possible, authors should present data to show that the drop in platelet count is not from the Wafarin she was using (could use ELISA).