

# Authors' reply

Sir,

We are thankful for your interest in our article.<sup>[1]</sup>

The same dose of *Tulsi* was used in the previous studies showing the effect of *Tulsi* on sperm count.<sup>[2]</sup> LD<sub>50</sub> of *Ocimum sanctum* extract is 4.5 g/kg by oral route.<sup>[3]</sup> We have used 2 g of fresh leaves per day which is equal to ~ 0.8 g dry weight which is much less than the LD<sub>50</sub>. We do not wish to create a scare regarding use of *Tulsi* but the study is a preliminary observation showing the effect of *Tulsi* on reproductive hormones. Further research is needed on extracts of *Tulsi* which cause this effect and potential use of *Tulsi* extracts in oral male contraceptives.

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