Table 5

Comparison of prevalence of haemoglobinopathies with existing Indian data

	Our data (%)	Balgir [2] (%)
Sickle cell trait	2.3	29.8
Sickle cell disease	1.7	7.6
Sickle cell- β Thalassemia	0.6	1.7
β Thalassemia trait	17.0	18.2
Thalassemia Major	0.4	5.3
Hemoglobin E trait	0.8	0.9
Hemoglobin E disease	0.6	0.3
Hemoglobin D trait	1	0.2
E- β Thalassemia	0.6	0.7

Armed Forces. The prevention and control of haemoglobinopathies is an uphill task for the planners, policy makers and medical and health care machinery.

It is suggested that detection of HbA₂ should be carried out in all the high-risk groups with anaemia in the Armed Forces. It is also worthwhile to sensitize the troops about the common haemoglobinopathies prevalent in the country and how to prevent them in their children by premarital HbA₂ estimation.

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