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Reply to Christakoudi and Hernandez-Fuentes: We agree—Let's move on

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To the Editor

In regard to the Letter to the Editor by Christakoudi and Hernandez-Fuentes (1), we can only say that we generally agree with all the points the authors make, and are at a loss as to how the cautionary statements included in our manuscript (2) are at odds with the concerns they raise. Obviously we agree with their title "Lack of adjustment for confounding [sic] could lead to misleading conclusions." The authors write as if we are advocating clinical usage of a signature based solely on the data presented in our paper. Nothing could be further from the truth. As we wrote, "the monitoring data described in the current article are not by themselves a sufficient basis on which to taper immunosuppressive medications." Our data were openly reported in a nonbiased fashion to allow others to draw their own conclusions. We stand by our statement that our work "…supports further studies aimed at defining the utility of this signature in guiding decisions about immunosuppressive management." It is a shame that Christakoudi and Hernandez-Fuentes have turned agreement into an argument.

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