

LETTER

## Reply to Clinical and Immunological Remarks about TAP Deficiency

*This is a response to a letter by Zimmer et al. (1)*

In response to the wise suggestion of Zimmer *et al.* (1) to slightly modify one statement in our article (2) that “TAP-deficient patients live normal life spans with only a limited susceptibility to chronic respiratory bacterial infections,” we have changed the sentence to the following: “TAP-deficient patients are not particularly susceptible to

viral infections but show susceptibility to some chronic respiratory bacterial infections.”

**Elena Lorente and Daniel López<sup>1</sup>**

*Centro Nacional de Microbiología, Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Majadahonda (Madrid), Spain*

1. Zimmer, J., Sleiman, M., Hentges, F., and Gadola, S. D. (2012) Clinical and immunological remarks about TAP deficiency. *J. Biol. Chem.* <http://www.jbc.org/cgi/content/full/287/32/27047>
2. Lorente, E., Garcia, R., Mir, C., Barriga, A., Lemonnier, F. A., Ramos, M., and López, D. (2012) Role of metalloproteases in vaccinia virus epitope processing for transporter associated with antigen processing (TAP)-independent human leukocyte antigen (HLA)-B7 class I antigen presentation. *J. Biol. Chem.* **287**, 9990–10000

DOI 10.1074/jbc.L112.379982

<sup>1</sup>E-mail: [dlopez@isciii.es](mailto:dlopez@isciii.es)