

## *Letter to the Editor*

### Early-onset Thrombocytopenia: a Reply

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G. J. G. Rees [1] does not believe that we can logically preclude *cis*-platinum as a potential component of a synergistic action causing early-onset thrombocytopenia in the chemotherapy of testicular teratoma on the basis of our use of vinblastine and *cis*-platinum sequentially rather than concurrently [2]. Since we have shown that the same degree of early-onset thrombocytopenia can be observed after vinblastine/bleomycin

alone, and since our earliest administration of *cis*-platinum occurred 3 days after onset of the thrombocytopenia, we still believe this phenomenon is due solely to vinblastine and bleomycin.

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