Sir,

I read with interest the paper “Genetic damage in mobile phone users: some preliminary findings” by Gandhi et al.[1] in May-August 2005 issue of your Journal.

The very fact that mobile phones come at different energy levels with all its complexities probably pose very different risk of genetic damages. One of the major concern which arise out of this paper is “Do these changes mean anything in terms of future development of disease like malignancies and other disease.”

If the mobile phone is kept in the pocket, does it produce genetically damaged spermatozoa with consequence for the next generation. Number of mobile phone users are increasing exponentially every year all over the globe, the moot question is “Are we sitting on an epidemic – related to genetic damage arising out of mobile phone usage”. These are questions of concern and I agree with the author that it cannot be sorted out by one or tow pilot studies, it needs a much larger and long term study to arrive on some conclusion.

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