LIMITATIONS

- A larger sample size is required for more accurate results and conclusions.

- All the available parameters to differentiate transudative from exudative effusions were not measured, eg. Pleural fluid cholesterol, pleural fluid to serum cholesterol ratio, pleural fluid to serum albumin gradient, etc.

- In many cases, the exact tissue diagnosis could not be reached due to limitations of infrastructure and in such cases, clinical correlation helped to make the final diagnosis. Tests like pleural fluid ADA level, biopsy of pleura should have been done to reach the definitive diagnosis.