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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

thank you for the summary provided. I would have liked to see more on how the study was done and the statistical power to support their theory. also, are there others studies that support this theory or contradict it? what does this study have that makes it superior to other theories?

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The author has submitted a Field of Vision review on the recent publication by Schonewille et al. in the Journal of Lipid Research. The author solidly summarizes the main points of the article and addresses a number of future directions and validation studies to more strongly confirm the findings of Schonewille et al. I have a few small comments and suggestions prior to publication of this Field of Vision review article. 1. There are a number of grammatical errors within the text, including comma splices, misuse of adjectives, or absence of words that should be clarified throughout the text (approximately 2-3 per page). 2. I think it would be appreciated for the author to discuss further follow-up studies to Schonewille et al. including the following: - Does dosage effect of statins play a role in the mechanism of action of biliary cholesterol secretion? The dosages used by Schonewille et al. appear to range from low effective (rosuvastatin) to high effective (lovastatin). Would a dose response demonstrate differences in cholesterol synthesis/excretion effects? - Similarly, mice studied by Schonewille et al. are of unidentified age (do changes in cholesterol



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synthesis/metabolism with age play a role) and normal weight (do obese mice with already elevated SREBP activity display similar phenotypes, biochemical changes)? - Does gender play a role, given the different responses of male and female patients to statin therapy? Schonewille et al. appear to have used males exclusively. - The lipoprotein profile in Figure 1 demonstrating reduced HDL, no change in LDL levels with statin therapy is surprising (given this is opposite of most published data). Could the author speculate further on this observation?



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This study is well designed and gives a new information: low dosage of statins can be helpful to improve hemodynamic parameters in patients with DM.