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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Was postmortem liver biopsy carried out in both the patients? 2. The table refers to case 1 & case 3 (?case 2)

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A brief description of two cases of progressive liver failure following bariatric surgery. These cases were rather common with malabsorption procedures; in these cases liver failure followed a less invasive procedure and the reason(s) remains scarcely identified. The severity of hypoalbuminemia is impressive. I have never seen these values. It is surprising that liver failure was not accompanied by either high levels of liver cell necrosis, or by portal hypertension (see platelet levels), and occurred during hospital stay, irrespective of treatment. I do suspect that the role of self-induced food restriction was more important than malabsorption in liver failure. There is no mention of Vitamin A measurement. Considering the potential toxic role of vitamin A accumulation it would be important to exclude this possible cause. 1. In table, why the second case is referred to as Case 3? 2. What was the final BMI of Case 1?