

Reviewer responses

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Answer: As per the reviewer's comment, we have reorganised and made the the presentation uniform. Pathology has now been placed after the clinical features. Sections on GD, NPD and CESD have been reorganised. A new section on therapy in GD has been introduced. Niemann Pick C has been given a separate section since it has a unique presentation compared to other types and does not merit enzyme replacement therapy. The extrahepatic manifestations of NPD-C have been deleted. Unfortunately in literature there is much more information on CESD than WD. Hence there is a genuine limitation on the same.

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Answer: We have now improved the conclusion. We are open to further changes if required.

The tables are well designed and very explicit regarding the main aspects of the LSDs.

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Answer: We have made the necessary editing changes. We have overall simplified the numbering of the sections.

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Answer: We agree with the reviewer and incorporated a new para on the miscellaneous LSD that cause liver dysfunction. The suggested references have been incorporated. The statement that was found incorrect by the reviewer has been duly modified. Unfortunately due to limited access and data privacy issues we have not been able to liase with the suggested databases. We have tried our level best to improve upon the deficiencies identified.

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Answering reviewers for re-review

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Answer:

- **We have reattached the manuscript with the blue annotated markings and mailed to the editor.**
- **We have tried to rectify all the language errors. However minor editing and type-setting problems may persist as the manuscript is being transferred back and forth from a word file to the BPG system with font modifications. We do not have control over the same and apologise in advance.**
- **The structure of the chapters have been simplified and organised as per the reviewer's advice. However since these are rare diseases, some parts of the natural history (especially correlation of biochemistry and radiology with therapy) cannot be compartmentalised clearly.**
- **The title has been changed "Natural history and management of liver dysfunction in lysosomal storage disorders". We are open to any further suggestions and changes**
- **Figure 6 legend has been modified**
- **"Main manuscript" was an error in the system**

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