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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting paper looking to identify biological pathways and metabolites for taurine in hepatocytes. Could the authors please respond to the following questions/comments? 1) In the abstract all terms should be spelled out the first time, ie HPLC ESI/Q-TOF MS 2) Have the authors considered using inhibitors to verify pathway involvement? 3) What do the authors see as potential clinical application, ie inhibition of which pathway or combination thereof and at what level?