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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Reviewer's code:** 00058381

**Reviewer's country:** Austria

**Science editor:** Ya-Juan Ma

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT	CONCLUSION
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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

**Major Comment:** This case report can be seen as an incentive for further studies. **Minor Comments:** Abstract: "Moreover, judging from the high-penetrance of disease observed in this family, we could infer that a rare variant may be the cause PBC development." - Please correct this sentence. Discussion, third paragraph: "Previous GWAS studies" -> Previous GWA studies (or just: Previous GWAS). Conflict-of-interest statement: "no conflict of interest to close" -> to disclose.



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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting case report of familial penetrance in PBC. Could the authors please respond to the following questions/comments 1) Have the authors looked into specific possible genetic factors involved? 2) The paper would benefit from more involved discussion as to how this case differs from other similar cases of genetic penetrance reported in the literature



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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Shin S et al. presented an interesting clinical observation of a possible maternal inheritance of primary biliary cholangitis. Unfortunately the authors have not presented any genetic markers, confirming this clinical observation. But the data presented may be incentive for further research. It is desirable to provide results on the effectiveness of ursodeoxycholic acid in these patients. It is advisable to add references to work published in the journal WJG (World J Gastroenterol 2006;12(45):7250-7262; World J Gastroenterol 2015; 21(25): 7683-7708; and other)