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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written review article with only a few minor concerns. 1. page 4 2nd paragraph: Recent data have ---. However, two references were published almost 20 years ago. 2. GS is an imporant contributing factor to breast milk jaundice which should be mentioned. 3. page 8 paragraph 2 ---excretion of total coproporfyryn -- it should be coporoporphyryn 4. DS shows typical biphasic BSP levels in blood which should be mentioned. 5. page 10 PBC should be spelled-out the first time.



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This is a very interesting review on the molecular mechanisms involved in the liver handling of bilirubin and in the associated genetic diseases as well as in cholestasis. The paper is clearly written and contains valuable information. Major comments: 1. In the last paragraph of page 3 and the initial one in page 4, the authors have mentioned the carriers involved in conjugated bilirubin transport and the role of mouse orthologues of OATPs in bilirubin uptake, however a reference regarding the ability of human forms of these transporters to carry out the uptake of unconjugated and conjugated bilirubin is missing (see Briz et al., *Biochem. J.* (2003) 371, 897-905). 2. Although the review would improve its clarity by a scheme on transport and metabolic processes, this should be accurate and complete. The text and Figure 1 is misleading and must be corrected. The expression of MRPs at the basolateral membrane is quite low under physiological circumstances and hence the relevance of the intra-parenchymal cycle of bilirubin is unclear. 3. Figure 1. Please check the nomenclature and spelling of conjugated bilirubin. 4. ABCG2 is shown in Figure 1 but its role in bilirubin transport is not mentioned/cited in the text.



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