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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The Cheung's work, is one of the few epidemiological studies of Wilson's disease in Asian population. While it has some shortcomings, as the authors themselves acknowledge. But I think that some aspect would be clarify. 1.-With regard to obesity, what clinical criteria was used? Dyslipidemia of what type?, Were they being treated, and what medications? 2.- Neurological / neuropsychiatric disorders; Were the patients treated with neurological and / or psychiatric diseases? What drugs? This clinical manifestation was before or after the diagnosis of Wilson's disease and then how could these drugs affect the liver?



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Dr. Cheung et al. have made a territory-based study in Hong Kong with a population of 7.3 million to address the epidemiology and natural history of Wilson’s disease in the Chinese population. A retrospective study was undertaken between 2000 and 2016. Data were retrieved from the Clinical Data Analysis and Reporting System (CDARS) and Clinical Management System (CMS) of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority and were identified by the International Classification of Diseases (ICD)-9 code. This is a well written article with the strengths of a large assessed sample during long time. The conclusion drawn from the analysis is reasonable and well considered. I have only minor considerations to make in order to improve the clarity. I believe that this paper adds new insights into evolution of Wilson Disease patients. Minor remarks 1. Page 14. The number of patients identified as Wilson Disease does not appear until “Patient characteristics”. It would be necessary an introductory sentence before it 2. Page 19,



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line 16. Please specify the abbreviation PBC 3. It could be meaningful a specific comment about the low incidence of Wilson Disease in Asian population.