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With the current paper the authors summarized the role of liver transplantation for children suffering from metabolic liver diseases. The paper is well written and covers a very important aspect in pediatric liver transplantation. I have the following comments on the manuscript: 1. It would be helpful to include prevalences of the different metabolic diseases 2. Abstract: APOLT is not really a novel technique. It has been performed in some centers many years ago. 3. Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency: I do not agree that „serum levels of A1AT may not help in diagnosis as it is an acute phase reactant....“. Only homozygous patients are candidates for liver transplantation and they all have definitely serum levels below 30 mg/dl. So the diagnosis in homozygous patients can be established just by determining the serum level. 4. Why is the risk for hepatic artery thrombosis and IgA nephropathy increased in children with AATD post Ltx? 5. Primary hyperoxaluria: It should be mentioned that there is a new medical treatment option (LUMASIRAN) 6. Maple Syrup Urine Disease: Domino-Tx should be discussed in more detail 7. Auxiliary Partial Liver Transplantation (APOLT): The heterotopic technique should also be discussed (Pros and Cons)