

To Prof. Ze-Mao Gong
Science Editor of W J Gastroenterology

Dear Editor,

We are grateful to you and reviewer for the time spent for review this manuscript, as well for the important raised issues aimed to improve its quality.

The responses are given point by point below.

Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1:

The manuscript by Corso et al. summarizes the current status on defects of cholesterol and bile acids biosynthesis. The paper is well written and exclusive in its content. The only comment I have is to provide disease specific information on i) General Age of onset, ii) Primary site of Expression, and iii) presence of steatosis within the text and/or within the tables illustrated.

Responses:

We thank the reviewer for his kindly suggestions. All corrections have been highlighted in the revised manuscript file.

The general age of onset of defects of cholesterol and bile acids biosynthesis have been added at page 7, lines 11-13, and at page 9, lines 3-10, respectively.

The primary site of expression of defects of cholesterol and bile acids biosynthesis have been inserted in table 1 and table 2, respectively.

The presence of steatosis has been inserted in table 3.