

Special Issue

Pediatric Cholestatic Liver Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

Diagnostics would like to launch a special issue: Pediatric Cholestatic Liver Disorders. Cholestatic liver diseases are a significant cause of morbidity and mortality and the leading indication for pediatric liver transplantation. New genetic causes of cholestasis are being discovered as a result of the wide availability of next-generation sequencing-based (NGS) genetic testing. Among the NGS strategies, the use of targeted gene panels (TGP) has proven useful to rapidly and reliably confirm a clinical suspicion, whereas the whole exome sequencing (WES) has been adopted to assist the diagnostic workup in unclear clinical scenarios. Identification of new genes involved in bile homeostasis will lead to a better understanding of the mechanisms of cholestasis, and the development of new therapies. However, our knowledge regarding the natural history and clinical outcome of cholestatic liver diseases is unfortunately still limited. On behalf of the Editorial office, I would like to invite you to contribute your research paper, review article, interesting case reports, and descriptions of diagnostic methods as well as medical management for peer review and possible publication.

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