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## Pediatric Hepatology and Liver Transplantation—How Can We Further Improve?

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Pediatric hepatology usually deals with rare diseases, but is also involved in many multi-systemic diseases. The liver is a unique organ in many aspects, making medical care for liver diseases challenging and multidisciplinary. End-stage liver disease has a substantial effect on many other organs, and liver non-function cannot be replaced by a machine. The liver is center of most metabolic pathways, and is therefore an important target for gene therapy, which has the potential to replace liver transplantation for some diseases in future. Altogether, this background illustrates what a dynamic and important field pediatric hepatology and liver transplantation is. For “typical” pediatric liver disease, but also for liver diseases which can manifest at any age, it is shown that the disease course differs depending on the age of manifestation. However, studies in the pediatric field are often hampered by small numbers of patients and ethical issues. We want to encourage our colleagues to submit their important research with a specific focus on pediatric hepatology to this Special Issue.



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