Jaundice and the Kidney

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Dear Sir,

Congratulations to Orⁱ S. Better and colleagues on their careful work and professional review [5] of the effects of jaundice on the circulatory system. However, in order to set the balance should there not be a place for endotoxins in the figure? Endotoxaemia from the obstructed biliary tract is thought to be the important precipitating factor in the ensuing acute renal failure [1–3], and there is surely a place for thromboxanes/prostaglandins [4]. Might I suggest that endotoxin be slotted in next to ‘nephrotoxicity of bile’ and be linked to renal and cerebral vasoconstriction and to acute renal failure?

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