

Author's response to reviews

Title: Osteogenesis Imperfecta: a nomenclature (re-named to Syndromes with congenital brittle bones)

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Response to Jay Shapiro:

The author agrees with the comments of the reviewer, and the paper is now presented as a review of different forms of congenital brittle bones diseases published in the literature. Critical explanations are included, discussing the separation of these diseases in 'osteogenesis imperfecta' and 'syndromes resembling osteogenesis imperfecta'. Also, as requested by the reviewer, a clear definition of osteogenesis imperfecta was added. Accordingly, the article has been re-named as Syndromes with Congenital Brittle Bones.

Response to Allan M Lund:

The author agrees with Dr. Lund's suggestion that this article should serve as an invitation for a debate among specialists. A comment was added on this regard in the abstract and the core text. I do agree with Dr. Lung that DI should not be used to sub-divide forms of OI, but this review just refers to what was suggested in the literature.

Response to Raoul Engelbert

A rationale for the division of congenital brittle bones diseases in two distinct groups has been added to the text. As mentioned in my response to Dr. Shapiro, as per his suggestion the article now does not present a novel classification of OI, but rather comments on the characteristics of different forms of congenital brittle bones diseases published in the literature.