

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AASLD</b>	American Association for the Study of Liver Disease
<b>ALP</b>	Alkaline phosphatase
<b>ALT</b>	Alanine transaminase
<b>AMA</b>	Anti-mitochondrial antibody
<b>ANA</b>	Antinuclear antibody
<b>APRI</b>	AST/ platelet index
<b>ASMA</b>	Anti-smooth muscle antibody
<b>AST</b>	Serum aspartate transaminase
<b>BMI</b>	Body mass index
<b>CLD</b>	Chronic liver disease
<b>CO</b>	Carbon monoxide
<b>COV</b>	Cut off value
<b>CRS</b>	Cherry-red spots
<b>CT</b>	Computed tomography
<b>CTP</b>	Child–Turcotte–Pugh
<b>DR</b>	Diffuse redness
<b>EV</b>	Esophageal varices
<b>FE</b>	Fisher Exact test
<b>FHVP</b>	Free hepatic vein pressure
<b>FPG</b>	Fasting plasma glucose
<b>GA</b>	Glycated albumin
<b>GGT</b>	Gamma glutemyl transpeptidase
<b>GOVs</b>	Gastroesophagealvarices
<b>GV</b>	Gastric varices
<b>HbA1c</b>	Glycated Hemoglobin
<b>HBsAg</b>	Hepatitis-B virus surface antigen
<b>HCS</b>	Haematocystic spot
<b>HE</b>	Hepatic Encephalopathy
<b>HPS</b>	Hepatopulmonary syndrome
<b>HRS</b>	Hepatorenal syndrome
<b>HSA</b>	Human serum albumin
<b>HVPG</b>	Hepatic venous pressure gradient
<b>IGVs</b>	Isolated gastric varices
<b>INR</b>	International normalization ratio
<b>LEV</b>	large esophageal varices
<b>MELD</b>	Model for End - stage Liver Disease

<b>MRI</b>	Magnetic resonance imaging
<b>MW</b>	Mann Whitney test
<b>NASH</b>	Non alcoholic steatohepatitis
<b>NIEC</b>	North Italian Endoscopic Club
<b>NO</b>	Nitric oxide
<b>NPV</b>	Negative predictive value
<b>NSAID</b>	Non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs
<b>OGTT</b>	Oral glucose tolerance test
<b>PA</b>	Prothrombin activity
<b>PEPG</b>	Portal venous esophageal luminal pressure gradient
<b>PH</b>	Portal hypertension
<b>PHG</b>	Portal hypertensive gastropathy
<b>PLT</b>	Platelets
<b>PMN</b>	Polymorphonuclear leukocytes
<b>PPV</b>	Positive predictive value
<b>PSS</b>	Porto-systemic shunt
<b>PT</b>	Prothrombin time
<b>R-C</b>	Red-color
<b>ROC</b>	Receiver operator characteristic
<b>r<sub>s</sub></b>	Spearman coefficient
<b>RWM</b>	Red wale markings
<b>S.ALB</b>	Serum albumin
<b>SD</b>	Standard deviation
<b>T.PTN</b>	Total protein
<b>TE</b>	Transient elastography
<b>TIPS</b>	Trans jugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt
<b>UGITE</b>	Upper gastrointestinal tract endoscopy
<b>US</b>	Ultrasonography
<b>VEGF</b>	Vascular endothelial growth factor
<b>WHVP</b>	Wedged hepatic vein pressure