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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADH	:	antidiuretic hormone
AFP	:	Alpha fetoprotein
ALT	:	alanine aminotransferase
AMA	:	antimitochondrial antibodies
ANA	:	antinuclear antibodies
anti-HBc	:	antibody to hepatitis B core antigen
anti-HBs	:	antibody to hepatitis B surface antigen
anti-HCV	:	antibody to hepatitis C virus
anti-HDV	:	antibody to hepatitis D virus
anti-LKM Abs	:	anti-liver kidney microsomal antibodies
anti-SMA Abs	:	anti-smooth muscle antibodies
AST	:	Aspartate aminotransferase
AST	:	aspartate aminotransferase
BT	:	Bacterial translocation
CRP	:	C reactive protein
CT	:	computed tomography
EABV	:	effective arterial blood volume
EGD	:	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
ERCP	:	endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography
ESBL	:	extended-spectrum beta-lactamase
GFR	:	glomerular filtration rate
GGT	:	Gamma glutamyl transpeptidase
Hb	:	haemoglobin
HBsAg	:	hepatitis B surface antigen
HBV	:	Hepatitis B virus
HCC	:	Hepatocellular carcinoma
HCV	:	Hepatitis C virus
HRS	:	Hepatorenal syndrome
IgG	:	immunoglobulin G
IgM	:	immunoglobulin M
K ⁺	:	Potassium
LVP	:	Large-volume paracentesis
MAP	:	mean arterial pressure
MELD	:	The model for end-stage liver disease
MRA	:	magnetic resonance angiography
MRCP	:	magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography
MRI	:	magnetic resonance imaging
MRSA	:	methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
Na	:	sodium

NASH	:	nonalcoholic steatohepatitis
NO	:	nitric oxide
PCT	:	pro-calcitonin
PMN	:	polymorphonuclear cells
PPI	:	proton pump inhibitors
PVT	:	Portal vein thrombosis
R.B.Cs	:	Red blood cells
RAAS	:	rennin–angiotensin–aldosterone system
RBF	:	renal blood flow
SAAG	:	Serum ascites albumin gradient
SBP	:	spontaneous bacterial peritonitis
SNS	:	sympathetic nervous system
SVR	:	systemic vascular resistance
TIPS	:	Transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic stent shunt
TLR	:	Toll-like receptor
US	:	ultrasonography.
WBCs	:	White blood cells