

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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

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