

***Supplementary Table 1:***

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Alcohol abstinent (<i>n</i> = 21)</b>	<b>Active alcohol drinkers (<i>n</i> = 31)</b>
Ascites	17/21 (80%)	15/31 (48%)
GI bleeding	0/ 20	0/31
HE	6/19 (32%)	5/31 (16%)
Death	3/20 (15%)	4/33 (12%)
Liver transplantation	1/20 (5%)	2/31 (6.4%)
TIPS	3/20 (15%)	3/31 (9.7%)