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### **INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT**

**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

**Manuscript type:** RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

**“Spleen stiffness mirrors changes in portal hypertension after successful  
interferon-free therapy in chronic-HCV patients”**

**Running Title:** Ravaioli F *et al.* Spleen stiffness measurement and portal hypertension after DAAs

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Maria Rosa Tamè; Francesco Azzaroli; Stefano Brillanti; Giuseppe Mazzella; Davide Festi.**

**Statement:** Patients were not required to give informed consent to the study because the analysis used anonymous data that were obtained after each patients agree to treatment by written consent.

Sincerely,

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