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-Add the unique of this study compared to other studies discuss the same issue. -Add more on the basic of this disease in the introduction -Discus role of imaging using these ref -Razek AA, Massoud SM, Azziz MR, El-Bendary MM, Zalata K, Motawea EM. Prediction of esophageal varices in cirrhotic patients with apparent diffusion coefficient of the spleen. *Abdom Imaging* 2015;40:1465-9 -Besheer T, Elbendary M, Elalfy H, Abdelmaksoud, M, Mohamed S, Abdel Razek A. Prediction of Fibrosis Progression Rate in Patients with Chronic Hepatitis C Genotype 4: Role of Cirrhosis Risk Score and Host Factors. *J Interferon Cytokine Research* 2017;37:97-102. -English language correction through the manuscript -Update of references as most of references are old using these ref -Besheer T, Elalfy H, Abd El-Maksoud M, et al. Diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance imaging and micro-RNA in the diagnosis of hepatic fibrosis in chronic hepatitis C virus. *World J Gastroenterol* 2019;25:1366-1377. =Besheer T, Arafa M, El-Maksoud MA, et al. Diagnosis of cirrhosis in patients with chronic hepatitis C genotype 4: Role of ABCB11 genotype polymorphism and plasma bile acid levels. *Turk J Gastroenterol* 2018;29:299-307.

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