

Linear Regression Analysis

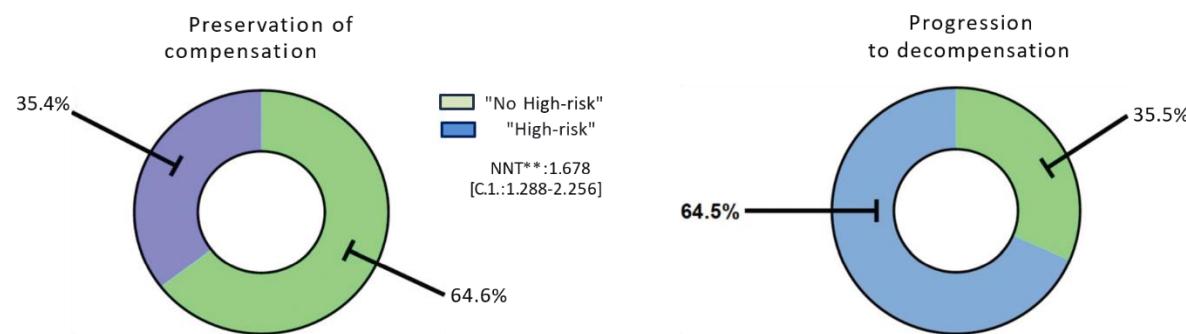
RPR Baseline (Mean ± SD)	RPR on first DE (Mean ± SD)	P-value*	DELTA % RPR (Mean ± SD)
0.780	0.886		+69.81
0.284	0.283	<0.001	28.28
LSM Baseline (Mean ± SD) (kPa)	LSM on first DE (Mean ± SD) (kPa)	P-value*	DELTA % LSM (Mean ± SD)
23.10	24.16	<0.001	+28.88
4.41	4.396		6.61

SD: Standard Deviation; RPR: Red cell distribution width /Platelet ratio; LSM: Liver Stiffness Measurement; kPa: kilopascal; DE: decompensation event\*  
Wilcoxon test

**Supplementary Figure 1 Relationship between RPR and LSM-assessed liver disease progression.** RPR: Red cell distribution width to platelet ratio; LSM: Liver Stiffness Measurement.

A

Chi-square test: p=0.0001

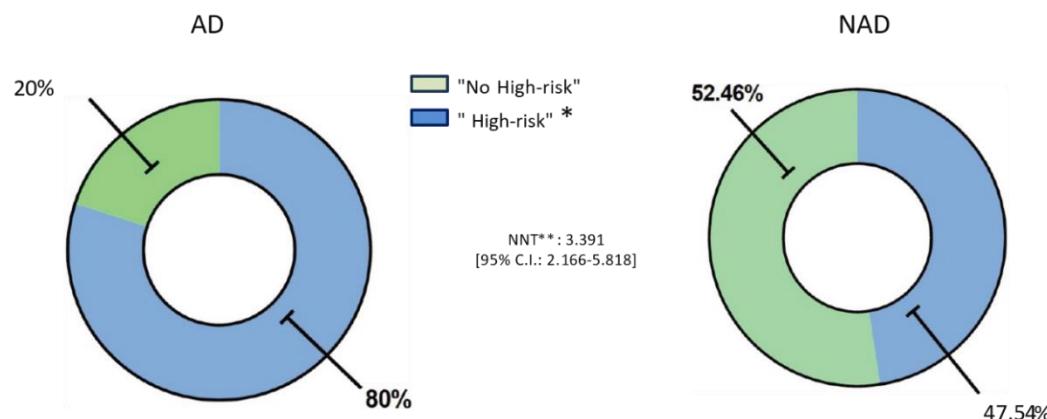


\*Clinically significant portal hypertension (CSPH) defined by the presence of varices evidenced by EGDS

\*\* Reciprocal of attributable risk (Newcombe/Wilson with CC analysis)

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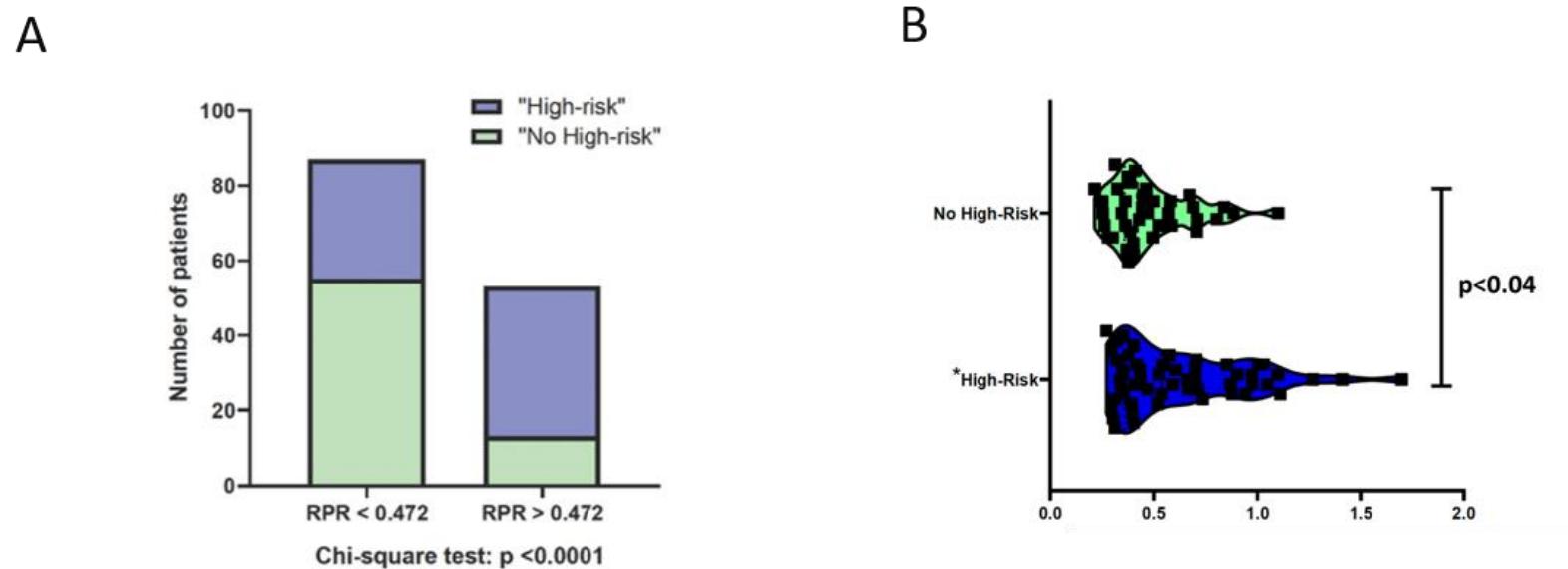
Chi-square test: p = 0.0035



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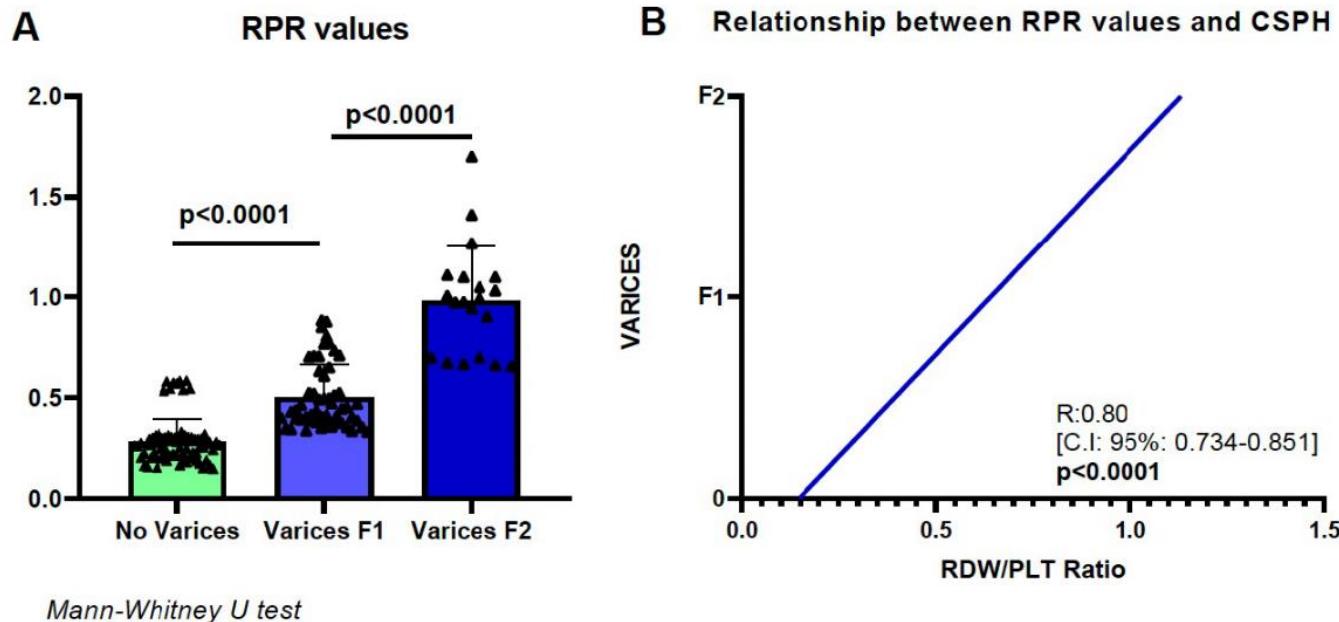
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**Supplementary Figure 2 Prevalence of patients progressing to dACLD in comparison to individuals remaining compensated.** Baseline CSPH in patients remaining cACLD vs patients progressing to decompensation (A). Baseline CSPH in patients progressing AD-decompensating vs patients NAD-decompensating (B). dACLD: decompensated advanced chronic liver disease; CSPH: clinically significant portal hypertension; AD: Acute decompensation; NAD: Non-acute decompensation.



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**Supplementary Figure 3 RPR values in patients presenting baseline CSPH compared to individuals without esophageal varices.** Prevalence of baseline CSPH according to baseline RPR values (A); RDW/PLT ratio baseline values, stratified according to the baseline presence/absence of CSPH in patients progressing to dACLD during the 3-year (B). RPR: Red cell distribution width to platelet ratio; CSPH: clinically significant portal hypertension; dACLD: decompensated advanced chronic liver disease.



Mann-Whitney U test

CSPH: Clinically Significant Portal Hypertension (CSPH) defined by EGDS-evidenced esophageal varices  
 RPR: RDW/PLT ratio

**Supplementary Figure 4 Relationship between RPR values and CSPH in esophageal varices severity.** RPR baseline values across the increased esophageal varices severity (no varices = 0; 1: F1; 2: F2) (A); Correlation between RPR and esophageal varices severity (B). RPR: Red cell distribution width to platelet ratio; CSPH: clinically significant portal hypertension.

**Supplementary Table 1** The “ongoing” therapies/medications received by each patient before the enrolment

ID	Medications	ID	Medications	ID	Medications	ID	Medications	ID	Medications
<b>1</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)	<b>36</b>	Diuretics; CCB	<b>71</b>	Insulin; (1)	<b>106</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe	<b>141</b>	Insulin; (3)
<b>2</b>	Metformin; (2)	<b>37</b>	Diuretics; (2);	<b>72</b>	Insulin; (4); (3)	<b>107</b>	Diuretics; ACE-i;	<b>142</b>	Metformin; (4)
<b>3</b>	Metformin; Ezetimibe	<b>38</b>	Insulin; (3); (8)	<b>73</b>	Insulin; (3)	<b>108</b>	Diuretics; (4); (0)	<b>143</b>	Metformin; Ezetimibe
<b>4</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe	<b>39</b>	Metformin; (1); (3)	<b>74</b>	Metformin + Vildagliptin	<b>109</b>	Diuretics; (6A); (9)	<b>144</b>	Diuretics; (9); (2)
<b>5</b>	Diuretics; ACE-i;	<b>40</b>	Metformin; (0)	<b>75</b>	Insulin; (4); (3)	<b>110</b>	(10)	<b>145</b>	Ezetimibe ;(1)
<b>6</b>	CCB; (1); (3); (5)	<b>41</b>	(8) + (10)	<b>76</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)	<b>111</b>	Statin; (9)	<b>146</b>	Metformin + Sitagliptin;(0)
<b>7</b>	Diuretics; ACE-i;	<b>42</b>	Diuretics; CCB	<b>77</b>	Insulin; (2)	<b>112</b>	(10)	<b>147</b>	Insulin; (0)
<b>8</b>	ACE-i; (1); (2); (4)	<b>43</b>	ACE-i; (0)	<b>78</b>	Metformin; (9)	<b>113</b>	Diuretics; (3);	<b>148</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)
<b>9</b>	Diuretics; CCB; (0)	<b>44</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe	<b>79</b>	Metformin; statin	<b>114</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)	<b>149</b>	Insulin; (3); (0)
<b>10</b>	Diuretics; (1); (3)	<b>45</b>	Insulin; Ezetimibe	<b>80</b>	Metformin; (2)	<b>115</b>	Metformin; (5)	<b>150</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe; (5)
<b>11</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)	<b>46</b>	Metformin; (0)	<b>81</b>	Insulin; Diuretics; ACE-i	<b>116</b>	Metformin + glimepiride		
<b>12</b>	Metformin + Sitagliptin; (2); (5)	<b>47</b>	Metformin; (1); (3)	<b>82</b>	Insulin; (5)	<b>117</b>	Insulin; Ezetimibe; (3)		

<b>13</b>	Insulin	<b>48</b>	Diuretics; ACE-i;(0)	<b>83</b>	Insulin; statin; (1); (3)	<b>118</b>	(10)
<b>14</b>	ACE-i; (1); (3)	<b>49</b>	Insulin; (1); (3); (5)	<b>84</b>	Metformin; (2); (0)	<b>119</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe; (2)
<b>15</b>	Diuretics; (2); (0)	<b>50</b>	Metformin; Ezetimibe	<b>85</b>	Metformin + Glimepiride	<b>120</b>	Diuretics; (6A); (6B)
<b>16</b>	Diuretics; CCB	<b>51</b>	Metformin; (9)	<b>86</b>	Insulin; (0)	<b>121</b>	Statin; (1); (3)
<b>17</b>	Insulin; Diuretics; ACE-i	<b>52</b>	Insulin; Diuretics; ACE-i	<b>87</b>	Insulin; (3); (0)	<b>122</b>	(1); (3); (6A)
<b>18</b>	Diuretics; (7A); (7B)	<b>53</b>	Diuretics; (0)	<b>88</b>	Insulin; (5)	<b>123</b>	Diuretics; (5)
<b>19</b>	Insulin; (1); (4)	<b>54</b>	Diuretics; (8)	<b>89</b>	Metformin + Sitagliptin	<b>124</b>	CCB; Diuretics
<b>20</b>	Metformin + Sitagliptin	<b>55</b>	Insulin; statin; (5); (0)	<b>90</b>	Insulin; (2); (0)	<b>125</b>	Insulin
<b>21</b>	Insulin; (8)	<b>56</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)	<b>91</b>	Insulin; Ezetimibe; (9)	<b>126</b>	Insulin; (9)
<b>22</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe	<b>57</b>	Insulin; (3); (1)	<b>92</b>	(4); (5)	<b>127</b>	Insulin; (8); (2)
<b>23</b>	Statin; (1); (3)	<b>58</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)	<b>93</b>	Diuretics; (3)	<b>128</b>	Metformin; (9)
<b>24</b>	Statin; Fibrate	<b>59</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)	<b>94</b>	Insulin; statin; (9)	<b>129</b>	Insulin; (5)

<b>25</b>	Insulin; (4); (8)	<b>60</b>	Insulin; (8)	<b>95</b>	Metformin + Sitagliptin	<b>130</b>	Insulin; (9); (0)
<b>26</b>	Insulin; (2)	<b>61</b>	Metformin; Ezetimibe	<b>96</b>	Insulin; (9); (4)	<b>131</b>	Diuretics; (3)
<b>27</b>	Insulin; Ezetimibe	<b>62</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe	<b>97</b>	CCB; (3); (0)	<b>132</b>	CCB; (3); (1)
<b>28</b>	Metformin + Vildagliptin	<b>63</b>	Insulin	<b>98</b>	Diuretics; CCB	<b>133</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe
<b>29</b>	Insulin; (2)	<b>64</b>	Metformin + Vildagliptin	<b>99</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe	<b>134</b>	Diuretics; CCB
<b>30</b>	Insulin; (4); (0)	<b>65</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)	<b>100</b>	Metformin + Glimepiride	<b>135</b>	Insulin; (6A);
<b>31</b>	Insulin; Ezetimibe	<b>66</b>	Diuretics; (4)	<b>101</b>	Diuretics; (0)	<b>136</b>	Insulin; (0)
<b>32</b>	Metformin + Sitagliptin	<b>67</b>	Diuretics; (8)	<b>102</b>	Insulin; statin; Fibrate	<b>137</b>	Insulin; Ezetimibe
<b>33</b>	Insulin; (1); (3)	<b>68</b>	CCB; (6A)	<b>103</b>	CCB; (9); (3)	<b>138</b>	Metformin; statin
<b>34</b>	Metformin; (8)	<b>69</b>	Statin; Ezetimibe; Fibrate	<b>104</b>	CCB; (1); (3)	<b>139</b>	Insulin; (6B)
<b>35</b>	Insulin; (3)	<b>70</b>	Diuretics; CCB	<b>105</b>	Diuretics;	<b>140</b>	Insulin; statin; (0)

**Abbreviations:** CCB (calcium channel blockers); ACE-i: Angiotensin Converting Enzyme inhibitors

\* "Others" medications synthetically and schematically included:

(0) Nonselective beta-blockers (including propranolol and carvedilol)

(1) Acetylsalicylic acid (ASA)

(2) Antibiotics (excluding Rifaximin)

(3) Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPI)

(4) Vitamins (D and B)

(5) Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)

(6A) Systemic steroids

(6B) Local/Topic steroids

(7A) Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors

(7B) Benzodiazepine (BDZ)

(8) Antihistamines

(9) Laxatives (Excluding lactulose)

(10) Not specifically declared or reported by the relative ID patie

**Main "Dysmetabolic" comorbidities prevalence in MASLD enrolled patients:**

- Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 = 54.6% (n=82)
- Primary hypertension = 50.6% (n=76),
- Dyslipidemia = 32 % (n=48)

**Supplementary Table 2 Predictors of decompensation in MASLD-related compensated advanced chronic liver disease (cACLD) patients**

Variable	Univariate				Multivariate**			
	Odds Ratio 95%)	(C.I.	p-value	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% C.I.)	p-value			
Age	1.04 (0.95-1.07)		0.52	1.06 (0.97-1.11)		0.54		
Sex (Male)	0.78 (0.42-1.12)		0.34	0.83 (0.78-1.22)		0.47		
AST (U/l)	1.02 (0.95-1.04)		0.41	N.A.		/		
ALT (U/l)	1.01 (1.00-1.05)		0.07	N.A.		/		
RDW-SD	1.32 (0.98-1.41)		<b>0.02</b>	1.14 (0.99-1.23)		0.34		
Creatinine	1.17 (0.92-1.24)		0.51	N.A.		/		
Albumin	0.71 (0.45-0.80)		< <b>0.0001</b>	0.83 (0.67-0.92)		0.52		
Bilirubin	1.32 (1.09-1.47)		<b>0.03</b>	1.26 (1.09-1.32)		0.61		
Platelets	0.88 (0.78-0.93)		<b>0.03</b>	0.93 (0.77-0.98)		0.72		
INR	1.43 (1.21-1.57)		0.06	N.A.		/		
RPR (RDW/PLT ratio)	5.14 (4.98-5.32)		< <b>0.0001</b>	1.91 (1.72-1.98)		<b>0.002</b>		
ALBI score	3.45 (3.02-3.67)		< <b>0.0001</b>	1.78 (1.40-1.92)		0.12		
ALBI-FIB-4	2.90 (2.74-3.09)		< <b>0.0001</b>	1.66 (1.41-1.96)		0.19		
MELD score	1.51 (1.12-1.70)		<b>0.02</b>	1.33 (0.84-1.42)		0.21		
Child-Pugh score	1.88 (1.53-1.97)		<b>0.03</b>	1.59 (1.24-1.88)		0.32		
FIB-4 score	1.56 (1.43-1.65)		0.65	N.A.		/		
LSM	1.87 (1.58-2.02)		<b>0.04</b>	1.71 (1.58-1.84)		0.45		
CSPH (varices*)	4.31 (3.98-4.76)		< <b>0.0001</b>	1.84 (1.72-1.91)		<b>0.04</b>		

AST: aspartate aminotransferase, ALT: alanine aminotransferase, PLT: platelets count; CV: Coefficient Variation; RDW: Red-cell distribution width; INR: International Normalized Ratio, LSM: Liver stiffness measurement; APRI: Aspartate aminotransferase/platelet count ratio

index; MELD: Model for End-stage Liver Disease FIB-4: Fibrosis-4; SD: Standard deviation; CSPH: Clinically Significant Portal Hypertension; N.A: Not-applied/Not-assessable (not included in the model); Statistically significant results ( $p < 0.05$ ) are reported in bold; \*Defined by the evidence of esophageal varices; \*\*Logistic regression analysis [Confounding variables (sex, age, BMI, diabetes, alcohol intake, the baseline-administration of Non-selective Beta-Blockers)]

**Supplementary Table 3 Predictors of AD decompensation in MASLD-related compensated advanced chronic liver disease (cACLD) patients**

Variable	Multivariate**	
	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% C.I.)	p-value
Age	1.09 (0.94-1.16)	0.67
Sex (Male)	0.74 (0.69-1.31)	0.37
RDW-SD	1.31 (0.89-1.38)	0.24
Creatinine	1.46 (1.17-1.53)	0.33
Albumin	0.78 (0.77-0.89)	0.42
Bilirubin	1.17 (1.07-1.35)	0.71
Platelets	0.89 (0.67-0.93)	0.43
INR	0.88 (0.76-1.12)	0.51
RPR (RDW/PLT ratio)	2.11 (1.72-2.22)	<b>0.03</b>
ALBI score	1.58 (1.30-1.74)	0.32
ALBI-FIB-4	1.69 (1.41-1.87)	0.29
MELD score	1.53 (0.94-1.42)	0.41
Child-Pugh score	1.48 (1.32-1.59)	0.52
FIB-4 score	1.44 (1.32-1.71)	0.28
LSM	1.59 (1.57-1.93)	0.35
CSPH (varices*)	2.04 (1.92-2.11)	<b>0.003</b>
Entity of varices	1.98 (1.79-2.06)	<b>0.007</b>

PLT: platelets count; CV: Coefficient Variation; RDW: Red-cell distribution width; INR: International Normalized Ratio, LSM: Liver stiffness measurement; APRI: AST to Platelet Ratio Index; MELD: Model for End-stage Liver Disease FIB-4: Fibrosis-4; SD: Standard deviation; CSPH: Clinically Significant Portal Hypertension; N.A: Not-applied/Not-assessable (not included in the model); Statistically significant results ( $p < 0.05$ ) are reported in bold; \*Defined by the evidence of esophageal varices; \*\*Logistic regression analysis [Confounding variables (sex, age, BMI, diabetes, alcohol intake, the baseline-administration of Non-selective Beta-Blockers)]