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Is it time to replace propranolol with carvedilol for portal hypertension

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Abstract

Beta-adrenergic receptor antagonists (β -blockers) have been well established for use in portal hypertension for more than three decades. Different NSBBs like propranolol, nadolol, timolol, atenolol, metoprolol and carvedilol have been in clinical practice in patients with cirrhosis. Carvedilol has proven 2-4 times more potent than propranolol as a beta-receptor blocker in trials conducted testing its efficacy for heart failure. Whether the same effect extends to its potency in the reduction of portal venous pressures is a topic of on-going

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