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

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

**Statement:** The present study was reviewed and approved by local IRB [Institutional Ethics Committee of Sant'Orsola-Malpighi University Hospital (Bologna, Italy)].

Sincerely,

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