

HEMODYNAMIC MEASUREMENT OF QUANTITATIVE LIVER FUNCTION BY HEPATIO DETECTS CLD AND DIFFERENTIATES FROM ACUTE CAUSES OF JAUNDICE

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METHODS

- Fed Sulfur colloid liver-spleen scan ١.
- SPECT analysis 2.
- HEPATIQ image processing for quantitative Parameters 3.
- Clinical database, QLSS, Ultrasound, Blood tests, Biopsy 4.

IAUNDICED PATIENTS

Bilirubin > 2 mg% (total 70 patients)

- 1. Advanced CLD (50): Liver biopsy, Nodular liver surface by CT or MRI, Collaterals
- 2. No advanced CLD (20): (A) Acute: Acute hepatitis resolved with time (biologics 3, flare HBV 2, Unknown 1), Biliary obstruction - resolved with surgery (2) (B) Gilbert's 12

CAUSE OF JAUNDICE

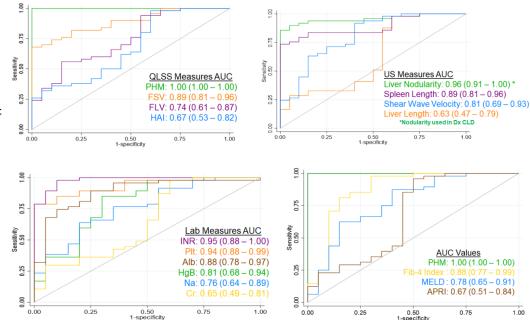
Chronic: ALD – 26, HCV – 7, Autoimmune – 2, NASH – 4, Cryptogenic cirrhosis – 10. Misc – 1

Acute: Acute Hepatitis – 6, Biliary Obstruction – 2, Gilbert's Syndrome - 12

		Odds Ratio	p-value
QLSS Measures			
	PHM	NA	NA
	fSV	102.6	0.002
	fLV	2.32	0.033
	HAI	0.65	0.148
US Measures			
	SWV	6.42	0.001
	Spleen Length	23.9	0.008
	Liver Length	0.79	0.385
Lab Measures			
	Alb	0.22	<0.001
	INR	101.3	<0.001
	Plt	0.06	<0.001
	HgB	0.32	0.002
	Na	0.37	0.016
	AST	0.47	0.184
	Tbili	1.61	0.192
	ALT	0.01	0.294
	Alk	1.08	0.783
	Dbili	1.07	0.804
	Cr	0.99	0.982

RESULTS

PHM Perfectly Detected CLD in patients with laundice Ultrasound Measures are less effective in detecting CLD Routine Liver Tests are useful PHM vs other Clinical Metrics to Detect CLD in Patients with Jaundice



CONCLUSIONS

• The intra-hepatic hemodynamic abnormality of CLD as measured by PHM separated causes of jaundice into acute vs chronic

1-specificity

- LFT were helpful, but not as effective as PHM
- US was helpful, but not as effective as PHM
- In acute jaundice, the fLV could shrink to small volumes and regenerate rapidly with recovery. This may be clinically useful in determining the severity of the acute attack.