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**Abstract:** A specific key point in liver cirrhosis is the decreased metabolic capacity for drugs. So medicines which are metabolized by oxidative biotransformation play a great role in liver pathology. Responsible for the drug metabolism that takes place in liver during illness, are three cytochrome P450 (P450 or CYP) gene families in liver microsomes (CYP 1, CYP2 and CYP3). In attention of various studies, is cytochrome P450. Following the currently aim, we try to assess the effect of liver disease on multiple CYP enzymes by use of a validated cocktail composed of medicines. Liver diseases are associated with metabolic activity changes. It is important to know and to tell a little bit about different directions in cirrhosis diagnostic, including laboratory tests or management ideas.

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## 1. Introduction

The liver plays a significant role in drug metabolism. Scientific knowledge referring to the severity of liver cirrhosis, as a disease with a bad prognosis on the public health, is still not well characterized. [1] Good to mention that in addition, in cirrhosis, liver fibrosis is a common fact, that can conduct into an irreversible process of cirrhosis with implications in developing of namely liver cancer. In recent years, there has been significant progress in basic and clinical research on liver cancer, leading to the identification of various signaling pathways involved in tumorigenesis and in disease progression. The signs and symptoms of patients diagnosed with cirrhosis, are promptly established by medical specialists. Knowing the diagnostic in the ill patients, medical specialists could apply the proper treatment, carefully to the comorbidities. In idea that hepatic cirrhosis is hard or impossible to cure, we are waiting from future research directions and plans. [Figure 1.]

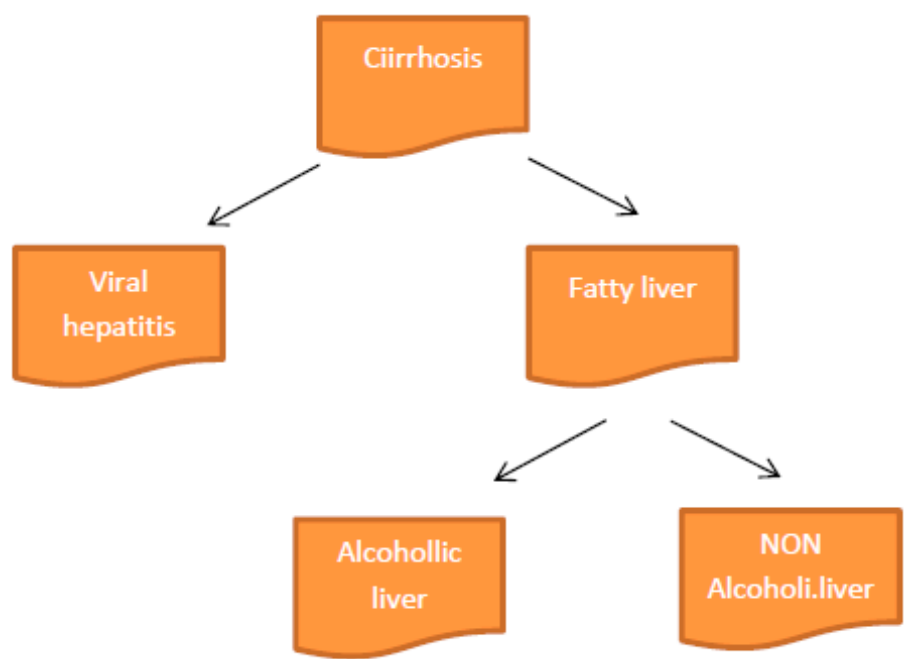


Figure 1. Cirrhosis ethiology.

Cytochrome P-450 (CYPs) is involved in the metabolism of drugs, chemicals and endogenous substrates. Hepatic CYPs also is involved in the pathogenesis of different liver diseases. Another specific point, good to mention, reffers to cytochrome P-450 (CYPs) and CYP-mediated activation of toxic drugs with their metabolites which induces hepatotoxicity. A strong relationship between the activity of CYPs and the severity of cirrhosis has been also demonstrated. More than, good to mention the usefulness of measuring CYP activity.[2]

Liver diseases are associated with a decrease in hepatic drug elimination, but there is evidence that cirrhosis does not result in uniform changes of cytochrome P450 (CYP) isoenzymes. [4–6] There are known that in research studies in liver pathologies, the prioritaire objectives were to determine the content and the activity of four CYP isoenzymes. Animal models play a significant role in liver pathology diagnosis. In rats with cirrhosis, CYP content was comparable with controls substrates.[7–9] Studies results show that the content and the catalytic activity of individual CYP enzymes are differentially altered by cirrhosis in the rat and also suggest that drug probes could be useful to assess hepatic functional reserve.

Taking in consideration the cause of cirrhosis could be possible a sub-classification as below.. [Figure 2]

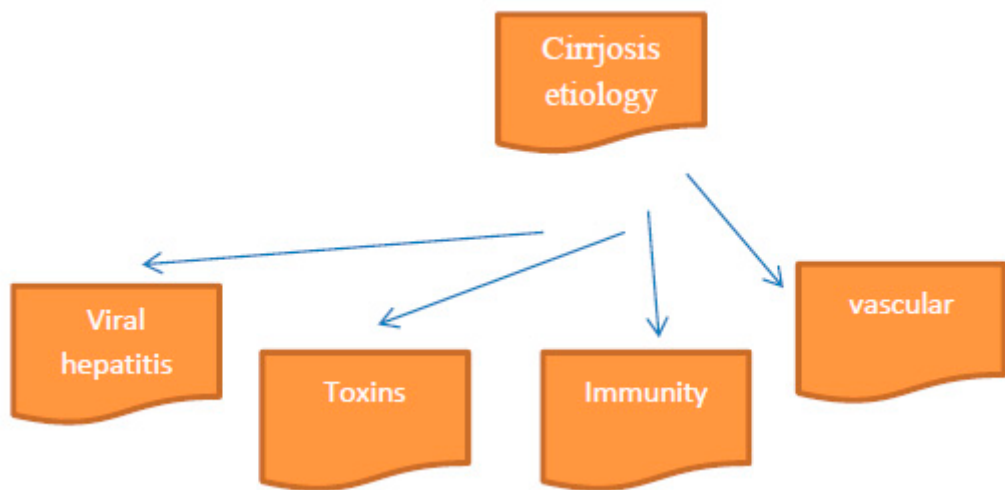
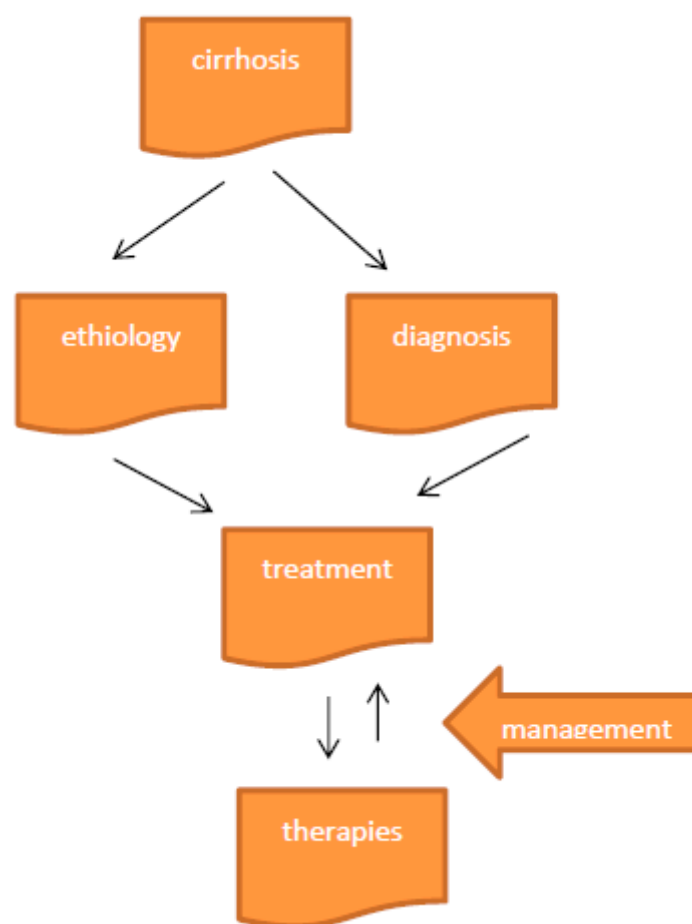


Figure 2. Cirrhosis etiology sub-classification.

## 2. Cirrhosis and CYP Isoenzymes

Cirrhosis, as a nowadays disease, is characterized by fibrosis and neoformation noduls in the liver architecture. In addition, cirrhosis it is known as a chronic injury, which leads to alteration of the normal lobular organization of the liver. [10–12] A complex of factors, such as life style, or environmental factors, can affect the liver, for better or for worse. [13,14] Finally, after a long term alterations in liver functionalitty, develop in time cirrhosis, as a complex diseases [15–17] Ethiological key points of cirrhosis include autoimmune hepatitis, primary sclerosing cholangitis, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, drug-induced liver cirrhosis, and chronic right-sided heart failure. [15–17] The cause of morbidity and mortality in cirrhosis is the development of portal hypertension and hyperdynamic circulation. Portal hypertension develop secondary the fibrosis in hepatocytes and beside, vasoregulatory alterations. [18,19]

Liver fibrosis it is known as a stage with an excessive deposition of connective tissue proteins in annex gland structure. Interstitial collagens in the extracellular matrix of the liver has been discovered in this liver pathology. The long term stimuli involved in the initiation of fibrosis leads to oxidative stress. Next point that concure to disease, include mediators of molecular events involved in the pathogenesis of hepatic fibrosis. These processes lead to cellular injury and initiate inflammatory responses. As a response, cytokines and growth factors play a role as trigger activation and transformation of resting hepatic stellate cells into myofibroblast like cells. At the end of the ill liver pathologically process, could be observe an excessive synthesis of connective tissue proteins, including collagens. Uncontrolled and hepatocyte fibrosis results in distortion of lobular architecture of the liver. Pathologists show the nodular formations in the liver as a diagnosis of cirrhosis. Finally, develop hepatocellular carcinoma. In the pathogenesis of hepatic fibrosis, molecular mechanisms play a role. [20,21] This scientifically team, include a pathologist, a gastroenterologist, a liver surgeon and additionally specialists. Therapy methods and drugs, are more important, including antiviral medications in viral hepatitis, steroids, and immunosuppressant agents in autoimmune hepatitis.[22–24] Diferential diagnostic in liver pathology as cirrhosis, include research directions reffering to various medical fields with implication in this way. For monitorisation of liver disease, abdominal ultrasonography is useful. [25,26] Liver transplantation (LT) is also an effective therapeutic option for the management of cirrhosis end-stage.[Figure 3]



**Figure 3.** Cirrhosis key points.

### 3. Trends in Cirrhosis Diagnosis

Telemedicine is a terminology encompassing several different practices including teleconsultation (imparting specialist knowledge to another practitioner through case presentation); telemonitoring (adopting technology such as wearables to remotely monitor signs and symptoms), and televisits (where patients can be assessed by a healthcare provider in a remote location). [27]

The use of machine learning algorithms and potential artificial intelligence are also gaining momentum, although their application in decompensated cirrhosis is limited.[28]

An estimated 1.5 billion people worldwide have chronic liver disease, with a marked 13% increase in cirrhosis cases noted in the last decade. [29]

This translates into increased cirrhosis-associated morbidity, especially from acute decompensation events, and mortality. Whilst our understanding of the pathophysiological drivers of acute decompensation of cirrhosis has improved considerably over the last decade, the management still remains largely reactive, often necessitating intensive therapies and protracted hospital admissions in response to late presentations.[30]

Complications accompanying hepatic cirrhosis are various and include, portal hypertension, edema in the abdomen and lower extremities, splenomegaly, infections, hepatic encephalopathy. For a medical team is a key point to investigate and to try to ameliorate cirrhosis comorbidities signs and symptoms. It is not easy but are different medical methods in this direction.

Moreover, even after resolution of an acute decompensation event, re-admission to hospital with further complications is common, with 90-day readmission rates estimated at between 21–53%, based on the population and number of cirrhosis complications.[31,32]

Those with more advanced disease, prior encephalopathy and/or those who have previously received prophylactic antibiotics, have higher readmission rates, generating a substantial health and societal care cost.

In addition to optimal management of cirrhosis complications per the recent EASL guidelines, patients with advanced liver disease also require support and management for substance/alcohol abuse, nutrition and frailty.[33,34]

This in turn requires a programme of education for patients and carers alike, following discharge from hospital back into the community. In this regard, the delivery of current management protocols is often wanton in ensuring adequate and equitable access to specialist advice, timely follow-up, and sufficient community support, following hospital discharge. This in an era when many other chronic disease management protocols, such as for heart failure, have turned to technology to help improve outcomes and patient engagement. This begs the question, what could aide early recognition of new cirrhosis complications and be used to provide effective community cirrhosis monitoring and management for patients at risk of decompensation.

#### 4. Complications in Cirrhosis

Hepatic encephalopathy (HE) is an important major neuropsychiatric disorder in liver cirrhosis. There are known two types. So minimal hepatic encephalopathy (MHE), known as a cognitive deficit found in the ealier past time using specific psychological tests and Grade I HE. More than, also it is known about overt hepatic encephalopathy (OHE), with specific clinical symptoms.[35,36]

Ascites is knowing as a common complication in hepatic cirrhosis. Ascites is accompanied with portal hypertension. This previously mentioned complication in cirrhosis, it is known as a specific one, defined as an accumulation of a fluid quantity in the peritoneal cavity.[37]

Ascites infection is a possible accompaning event for ill persons diagnosed with cirrhosis. Infection in ascitis is often known as a bacterial peritonitis (SBP) somethimes with accompaning fungal infections.[38].[39]

Variceal bleeding represent a relatively comon accompanied complication to patients diagnosed with cirrhosis. [40] In liver damage as cirrhosis, esophageal and gastric variceal bleeding together with rectal variceal bleeding.[41]

Hepatorenal syndrome and kidney injury represent a common complication to patients diagnosed with hepatic cirrhosis. [42]

Infections are also relatively commons in hepatic cirrhosis. In differents parts of the body could be find after signs and simpotoms, infections as tissues infections,bacteremia, pneumonia, urinary tract infections. [43,44] From years ago,till nowadays, infections caused by multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO) play a significant role in liver damages such them from hepatic cirrhosis.[45]

#### 5. Paraclinic Key Points in Cirrhosis Diagnosis

In negative progression of liver pathology, into cirrhosis, it is know about AST/ALT ratio. As plaboratorytests for diagnostic in cirrhosis, are important results for alkaline phosphatase (ALP), 5'-nucleotidase, and gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT). AST/ALT ratio in differents forms of chronic hepatitis with exception of alcoholic hepatitis, is less than 1. Laboratory results show us that in chronic hepatitis which conduct to cirrhosis, there is a reversal of this AST/ALT ratio. Another laboratory test namely alkaline phosphatase (ALP), 5'- nucleotidase, and gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT) are important for diagnostic in liver pathology. [46] More than, results from specific tests such as aminotransferase; aspartate aminotransferase (AST); alanine aminotransferase (ALT);play a great role in . cirrhosis diagnostic and in diferential diagnostic., [47] Gamma fraction from immunoglobulins, is also good to mention in liver pathology diagnostic. [48]

There are known about new specific laboratory tests performing for cirrhosis diagnostic. So, serology and genetical tests such as PCR technique and autoimmune antibodies including anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA) and anti-smooth muscle antibodies (ASMA), anti-liver-kidney microsomal antibodies type 1 (ALKM-1).. Ferritin and transferrin saturation for hemochromatosis, ceruloplasmin,



Alpha 1-antitrypsin level, and protease inhibitor phenotype for alpha 1-antitrypsin deficiency, play a great point in diagnostic of cirrhosis.

Imagistical methods including ultrasound, CT, MRI, and transient elastography compose a specific part in the paraclinic diagnostic of cirrhosis. Ultrasonography is a easier, faster and method for discovering damages in the liver structure. With this method, is possible to detect specific nodularity and beside also an increased echogenicity in liver structure.. [49] As a great curently imagistical method, MRI can also be used for detection liver alterations. For example, with MRI could be possible to detect specific fat deposits in the liver consisit of hemochromatosis, steatosis, and possible others . [50,51]

## 6. Conclusions

Patient lifestyle changes, unfortunately cannot cure cirrhosis. Lifestyle changes, and a proper diet, conduct to amelioration of diseases symptoms. Regulate protein intake according to specialised doctor's indications and some medical recommandations, will be proper in the treatment of cirrhosis. Relatively recently research investigations try to elucidate the signal transduction pathways that link hepatocytes alterations including cellular disfunctionality. For next coming period of time, hope to find and apply educational programs in order to induce alcoholic persons to renounce to this dangerous consumptions witch play a role in liver damages with cirrhosis instalation.

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