endoscopic procedures, especially endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) complicated and challenging. The aim of this study was to report and discuss the patients with SIT underwent ERCP in our center.

Methods A retrospective review of the databases was performed, and case series of patients with SIT underwent ERCP was reported. (figure 1)

Results Nine ERCP procedures were performed in 4 patients: 2 males and 2 females, 3 patients were in their fifties, and 1 patient was in her eighties. The diagnosis after ERCP included: benign or malignant biliary stricture and bile duct stones. Based on the individual situation, endoscopic retrograde biliary drainage, stone extraction, endoscopic naso-biliary drainage, endoscopic metal biliary endoprosthesis was performed. All procedures were performed successfully, except for in one patient, whose biliary stricture was very serious, hindering the procedure. No ERCP-related adverse events were reported.

Conclusions ERCP can be safely and effectively performed in patients with SIT.

IDENTIFICATION OF CANCER-RELATED EXOSOMAL miRNAs IN NASH-INDUCED LIVER CIRRHOSIS WITH HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA

Background The objective of this study was to identify the presence of selected miRNAs in exosomes of the serum and ascitic fluid and to determine their expression levels in patients with NASH-related liver cirrhosis with or without HCC

Methods A literature search was performed to identify potential miRNAs involved in the pathogenesis of HCC. The expression of the miRNA candidates in the exosome of serum and ascitic fluid were investigated in 52 patients of NASH-induced liver cirrhosis with HCC (n=26) as compared to NASH-induced liver cirrhosis without HCC (n=26) by using quantitative real-time PCR. Fold change was calculated using $2^{-\Delta\Delta CT}$ method.

Results The median age for patients with NASH-induced liver cirrhosis with HCC was 71.5 years old versus the control group of 60.5 years old. More than 50% of the patients in both groups had underlying comorbidities such as diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. Three oncogenic miRNAs (miR-182, miR-301a, and miR-373) with high expression in the HCC tissues were selected as the candidate miRNAs. The expression level of serum exosomal mir-182, miR-301a, and miR-373 were significantly upregulated with fold change (fc) of 1.77, 2.52, and 1.67 ($p< 0.05$) respectively in NASH-induced liver cirrhosis with HCC as compared to the control group. The same trend could be observed in the expression level of ascitic fluid exosomal mir-182, miR-301a, and miR-373 whereby they were significantly upregulated with fc of 1.6, 1.94 and 2.13 ($p< 0.05$) respectively in NASH-induced liver cirrhosis with HCC as compared to the control group. However, poor correlation of miRNA expression (miR-182, miR-301a and miR-373) between serum exosomal and ascitic fluid exosomal in HCC group with miR-182 (r=0.213, p=0.444), miR-301a (r = -0.242, p=0.422) and miR-373 (r=0.24, p=0.427).

Conclusions A significant increase in the expression levels of exosomal mir-182, miR-301a, and miR-373 for both serum and ascitic fluid may be potential biomarkers for NASH-induced liver cirrhosis with HCC.

BONE AND RENAL SAFETY ARE IMPROVED IN CHRONIC HBV PATIENTS 1 YEAR AFTER SWITCHING TO TENOFOVIR ALAFENAMIDE (TAF) FROM TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL FUMARATE (TDF)

Background TAF has shown efficacy non-inferior to that of TDF at Week 96 with less bone and renal effects. Following implementation of a protocol amendment to extend double-blind (DB) treatment for an additional year, 50% of patients were able to continue on DB treatment while the remainder had already rolled-over to open-label (OL) TAF at Week 96. Here we compared the efficacy and safety from Week 96 to 144 in patients randomized to TDF in whom treatment was either continued or switched to TAF at Week 96.

Methods In 2 identically-designed studies, 1298 HBeAg-negative and HBeAg-positive CHB patients (873 TAF, 425 TDF) were randomized and treated. In the TDF group, 211 remained on TDF (DB TDF) while 180 patients were switched to OL TAF (TDF→TAF) at Week 96. Safety assessments including changes in bone (hip and spine BMD) and