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## 52<sup>nd</sup> AISF Annual Meeting

Aula Magna, Università di Roma "Sapienza" - P.le A. Moro, 5

Rome, February 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

### SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

#### Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

##### 08.30-09.45 Selected Oral Communications

**(Autoimmune and Biliary diseases; miscellaneous)**

Chairpersons: A. Floreani, Padua  
V. Cardinale, Rome

##### 08.30-08.45 Ductular reaction, intermediate hepatocytes and fibrosis extension correlate with prediction of treatment failure to ursodeoxycholic acid in primary biliary cholangitis

Presenter: V. Ronca, Milan

(Abstract Authors: L. Cristofori, G. Carpino, V. Cardinale, C. Rigamonti, D. Overi, N. Zucchini, M. Leutner, M. Viganò, A. Nardi, A. Gerussi, V. Ronca, M. Cadamuro, G. Bonato, D. Alvaro, E. Gaudio, P. Invernizzi, G.F. Mells, M. Carbone - Milan, Rome, Latina, Novara, Monza, Padua, Cambridge (UK))

##### 08.45-09.00 Magnetic resonance risk score and liver stiffness by transient elastography have complementary prognostic values in patients with Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

Presenter: N. Cazzagon, Padua

(Abstract Authors: N. Cazzagon, S. El Mouhadi, S. Lemoine, P.J. Trivedi, F. Gaouar, A.D. Kemgang Fankem, K. Ben Belkacem, A. Floreani, G. Hirschfield, Y. Chretien, C. Housset, R. Motta, F.P. Russo, O. Chazouillères, L. Arrivé, C. Corpechot - Paris (France), Padua, Birmingham (UK), Toronto (Canada))

##### 09.00-09.15 Necroptosis is associated with a better survival in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

Presenter: S. Sarcognato, Padua

(Abstract Authors: D. Sacchi, S. Sarcognato, U. Cillo, E. Gringeri, L. Fabris, M. Di Giunta, L. Nicolè, V. Guzzardo, A. Fassina, M. Guido - Padua)

##### 09.15-09.30 Human duodenal submucosal glands contain stem cells with potential for liver and pancreatic regenerative medicine

Presenter: V. Cardinale, Rome

(Abstract Authors: G. Carpino, V. Cardinale, S. Safarikia, D. Overi, D. Costantini, W.-Y. Lu, O. Riccioni, L. Nevi, W. Zhang, F. Melandro,

I. Zizzarri, M. Nuti, M. Moretti, M. Maroder, P.B. Berloco, S.J. Forbes, L.M. Reid, E. Gaudio, D. Alvaro - Rome, Edinburgh (UK), Chapel Hill (USA))

##### 09.30-09.45 Novel insights in primary biliary cholangitis (PBC) epidemiology using administrative records

Presenter: A. Gerussi, Monza

(Abstract Authors: A. Gerussi, V. Manno, M. Carbone, G. Minelli, D. Taruscio, S. Conti, P. Invernizzi - Monza, Rome)

##### 09.45-10.15 State-of-the-Art Lecture

Introduced by: D. Alvaro, Rome

**Nuclear Receptors in Liver Diseases: from Pathogenesis to Molecular Targets**

A. Moschetta, Bari

##### 10.15-10.45 Coffee break and Posters view

Tutors: C. Boni, Parma

A. Federico, Naples

##### 10.45-12.00 General Assembly II

##### 12.00-13.15 Selected Oral Communications

**(NAFLD/ALD clinical and experimental)**

Chairpersons: M. Parola, Turin

F. Salomone, Catania

##### 12.00-12.15 Serum coding and non-coding RNAs as biomarkers of NAFLD and fibrosis severity

Presenter: A. Scamporrino, Catania

(Abstract Authors: A. Scamporrino, S. Di Mauro, S. Petta, F. Urbano, A. Filippello, M. Ragusa, M.T. Di Martino, F. Scionti, S. Grimaudo, R.M. Pipitone, G. Privitera, A. Di Pino, R. Scicali, A.M. Rabuazzo, A. Craxì, M. Purrello, F. Purrello, S. Piro - Catania, Palermo, Troina (EN), Catanzaro)

##### 12.15-12.30 ATG7 genetic variant and defective autophagy: a novel risk factor for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease progression in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus

Presenter: S. Pelusi, Milan

(Abstract Authors: S. Pelusi, G. Baselli, A. Cespiati, P. Dongiovanni, M.V. McCain, M. Meroni, R. Romagnoli, S. Petta, A. Grieco, L. Miele, G. Soardo, E. Bugianesi, S. Fargion, R. De



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- Francesco, S. Romeo, A.L. Fracanzani, H.L. Reeves, L. Valenti - *Milan, Newcastle Upon Tyne (UK), Turin, Palermo, Rome, Udine, Gothenburg (Sweden), Catanzaro*
- 12.30-12.45 **Longitudinal Prognostic Value of the Most Common Algorithms for Fibrosis in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease. An International Study in Non-Cirrhotic, Biopsy-Proven Patients**  
*Presenter:* R. Younes, *Turin*  
(Abstract Authors: R. Younes, C. Rosso, M.J. Garcia Blanco, S. Petta, L. Miele, A. Liguori, P. Francione, A. Fracanzani, L. Valenti, Q.M. Anstee, E. Bugianesi – *Turin, Madrid (Spain), Palermo, Rome, Milan, Newcastle Upon Tyne (UK)*)
- 12.45-13.00 **PNPLA3 rs738409 C>G Variant Predicts Occurrence of Liver-related Events and Death in Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver**  
*Presenter:* G. Pennisi, *Palermo*  
(Abstract Authors: S. Grimaudo, G. Pennisi, R.M. Pipitone, C. Cammà, V. Di Marco, R. Boemi, C. Celsa, A. Giannetti, F. Spatola, G. Marchesini, A. Craxì, S. Petta – *Palermo, Bologna*)
- 13.00-13.15 **Risk factors associated with NASH in obese people who underwent bariatric surgery**  
*Presenter:* C. Saitta, *Messina*  
(Abstract Authors: G. Raimondo, D. Lombardo, C. Saitta, P.J. Giraudi, N. Rosso, A. Ieni, S. Lazzara, S. Palmisano, D. Bonazza, G. Navarra, C. Tiribelli, T. Pollicino – *Messina, Trieste*)
- 13.15-13.45 **Young Investigator Lecture**  
*Introduced by:* R. de Franchis, *Milan*  
**Portal Hypertension in Liver Cirrhosis**  
V. La Mura, *Milan*
- 13.45-14.30 *Lunch break and Posters view*  
*Tutors:* G. Germani, *Padua*  
A. Lleo De Nalda, *Pieve Emanuele (MI)*
- 14.30-15.00 **2017 AISF Fellowships Report**  
*Introduced by:* E.G. Giannini, *Genoa*
- 14.30-14.45 **Evaluation of the risk of developing HCC in cirrhotic patients: an innovative approach to study carcinogenic risk in patients with liver cirrhosis**  
A. Gazzola, *Modena*
- 14.45-15.00 **MBOAT7 down-regulation by hyperinsulinemia induces hepatic lipid accumulation**  
M. Meroni, *Milan*
- 15.00-15.30 **State-of-the-Art Lecture**  
*Introduced by:* F. Marra, *Florence*  
**Hepatic Fibrogenesis: the Past, the Present and the Future**  
M. Pinzani, *London (UK)*
- 15.30-16.00 **Difficult to treat Acute on Chronic Liver Failure**  
*Chairpersons:* P. Angeli, *Padua*  
P. Caraceni, *Bologna*
- 16.00-16.30 *Coffee break and Posters view*  
*Tutors:* C. Boni, *Parma*  
A. Federico, *Naples*
- 16.30-16.45 **Presentation of the AISF prize for the 2 best Italian papers in 2017-2018**  
Basic Science: T. Pollicino, *Messina*  
E. Villa, *Modena*  
Clinical: C. Cammà, *Palermo*  
A. Colli, *Lecco*
- Targeting mitochondrial dysfunction can restore antiviral activity of exhausted HBV-specific CD8 T cells in chronic hepatitis B**  
*Nat Med.* 2017 Mar;23(3):327-336  
**P. Fisicaro**, V. Barili, B. Montanini, G. Acerbi, M. Ferracin, F. Guerrieri, D. Salerno, C. Boni, M. Massari, M.C. Cavallo, G. Grossi, T. Giuberti, P. Lampertico, G. Missale, M. Levrero, S. Ottonello, C. Ferrari  
*Parma, Bologna, Rome, Reggio Emilia, Milan, Lyon (France)*
- Long-term albumin administration in decompensated cirrhosis (ANSWER): an open-label randomised trial**  
*Lancet.* 2018 Jun 16;391(10138):2417-2429  
**P. Caraceni**, O. Riggio, P. Angeli, C. Alessandria, S. Neri, F.G. Foschi, F. Levantesi, A. Airoidi, S. Boccia, G. Svegliati-Baroni, S. Fagioli, R.G. Romanelli, R. Cozzolongo, V. Di Marco, V. Sangiovanni, F. Morisco, P. Toniutto, A. Tortora, R. De Marco, M. Angelico, I. Cacciola, G. Elia, A. Federico, S. Massironi, R. Guarisco, A. Galioto, G. Ballardini, M. Rendina, S. Nardelli, S. Piano, C. Elia, L. Prestianni, F.M. Cappa, L. Cesarini, L. Simone, C. Pasquale, M. Cavallin, A. Andrealli, F. Fidone, M. Ruggeri, A. Roncadori, M. Baldassarre, M. Tufoni, G. Zaccherini, M. Bernardi; ANSWER Study Investigators.  
*Bologna, Rome, Padua, Turin, Catania, Faenza, Milan, Ferrara, Ancona, Bergamo, Florence, Castellana Grotte (Bari), Palermo, Naples, Udine, Cosenza, Messina, Parma, Frascati (Rome), Mestre, Rimini, Bari*



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**16.45-18.00 Selected Oral Communications  
(Hepatocellular Carcinoma, clinical and experimental)**

*Chairpersons:* R. Sacco, *Foggia*  
C. Sposito, *Milan*

**16.45-17.00 Time-varying mHAP III is the most accurate score in predicting survival in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) undergoing trans-arterial chemoembolization (TACE)**

*Presenter:* C. Campani, *Florence*  
(Abstract Authors: C. Campani, A. Vitale, G. Dragoni, S. Aburas, U. Arena, G. Laffi, U. Cillo, E.G. Giannini, F. Trevisani, F. Marra, Ita.Li.Ca. Group - *Florence, Padua, Genoa, Bologna*)

**17.00-17.15 AA genotype of deSNP rs6726639 of MERTK gene is associated with development of Hepatocellular Carcinoma after eradication of Hepatitis C Virus infection**

*Presenter:* L. Di Marco, *Palermo*  
(Abstract Authors: L. Di Marco, V. Calvaruso, S. Grimaudo, S. Petta, M.R. Pipitone, G. Cabibbo, E. Conte, B. Magro, F. Rini, C. Celsa, C. Cammà, A. Craxì, V. Di Marco - *Palermo*)

**17.15-17.30 Ganglioside composition correlates with the malignant phenotype of cholangiocarcinoma cells and modulates cell adhesion**

*Presenter:* C. Raggi, *Florence*  
(Abstract Authors: A. Mannini, C. Raggi, M. Correnti, E. Rovida, J.B. Andersen, C. Coulouarn, F. Marra - *Florence, Rozzano (MI), Copenhagen (Denmark), Rennes (France)*)

**17.30-17.45 The time-varying survival benefit of HCC treatment: a multicenter cohort study**

*Presenter:* G. Maddalo, *Padua*  
(Abstract Authors: A. Vitale, G. Maddalo, F. Trevisani, F. Farinati - *Padua, Bologna*)

**17.45-18.00 NASH-related liver carcinogenesis is critically affected by hypoxia-inducible factor 2α**

*Presenter:* B. Foglia, *Turin*  
(Abstract Authors: B. Foglia, S. Sutti, E. Morello, S. Cannito, E. Novo, C. Bocca, M. Maggiora, S. Bruzzi, N.N. Ramavath, C. Rosso, R. Younes, E. Bugianesi, E. Albano, M. Parola - *Turin, Novara*)

**18.00-18.30 Up to date Lecture on Specific Topics [No ECM]  
Toward HCV Elimination: genotyping and patient characterization**

R. Bruno, *Pavia*

**18.30-19.00 Up to date Lecture on Specific Topics [No ECM]  
New ways to Eliminate HCV: unanswered questions**

M. Andreoni, *Rome* - A. Craxì, *Palermo*

19.00-19.30 Social gathering at the Exhibition Area



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### Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 08.30-09.45 Selected Oral Communications**  
**(Fibrosis, Cirrhosis and Portal Hypertension)**  
*Chairpersons:* V. Calvaruso, *Palermo*  
M. Primignani, *Milan*
- 08.30-08.45 Long-term albumin administration in patients with cirrhosis and uncomplicated ascites: the use of serum albumin concentration for personalizing treatment**  
*Presenter:* G. Zaccherini, *Bologna*  
*(Abstract Authors:* G. Zaccherini, O. Riggio, P. Angeli, C. Alessandria, S. Neri, F.G. Foschi, F. Levantesi, A. Airoidi, L. Simone, G. Svegliati-Baroni, S. Fagioli, R.G. Romanelli, R. Cozzolongo, V. Di Marco, V. Sangiovanni, F. Morisco, P. Toniutto, A. Tortora, R. De Marco, S. Nardelli, S. Piano, C. Elia, A. Roncadori, M. Baldassarre, M. Tufoni, P. Caraceni, M. Bernardi and the ANSWER Study Investigators - *Bologna, Rome, Padua, Turin, Catania, Faenza (RA), Milan, Ferrara, Ancona, Bergamo, Florence, Castellana Grotte (Bari), Palermo, Naples, Udine, Cosenza)*
- 08.45-09.00 Portal endothelial damage in cirrhosis**  
*Presenter:* S. Shalaby, *Padua*  
*(Abstract Authors:* S. Shalaby, E. Campello, S. Gavasso, E. Gringeri, F. D'Amico, U. Cillo, G. Barbiero, M. Battistel, A. Zanetto, A. Ferrarese, C. Becchetti, M. Pellone, A. Ruzzarin, M. Gambato, G. Germani, F.P. Russo, P. Burra, P. Simioni, M. Senzolo - *Padua)*
- 09.00-09.15 Incidence and outcome of portal vein thrombosis in 817 HBV and HCV cirrhotic patients under antiviral treatment: a single center longitudinal study**  
*Presenter:* G. Tosetti, *Milan*  
*(Abstract Authors:* G. Tosetti, A. Loglio, E. Degasper, R. D'Ambrosio, M. Viganò, M. Iavarone, M. Borghi, R. Soffredini, F. Facchetti, MG Rumi, M. Primignani, P. Lampertico - *Milan)*
- 09.15-09.30 The natural history of acute kidney disease (AKD) in patients with cirrhosis**  
*Presenter:* M. Tonon, *Padua*  
*(Abstract Authors:* M. Tonon, S. Piano, S. Rosi, C. Gambino, A. Martini, E. Vettore, S. Mareso, E. Bertoli, A. Sticca, P. Angeli - *Padua)*
- 09.30-09.45 Impact of diastolic dysfunction (LVDD) on clinical response and prognosis after transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (TIPS) for refractory ascites**  
*Presenter:* W. Debernardi Venon, *Turin*  
*(Abstract Authors:* W. Debernardi Venon, M.T. Del Galdo, M. Boschini, B. Imperatrice, M. Giorgi, G. M. Saracco, A. Marzano - *Turin)*
- 09.45-10.15 State-of-the-Art Lecture**  
*Introduced by:* R. Bruno, *Pavia*  
**Liver Transplantation: Bioethical and Biojuridical Aspects**  
D. Sacchini, *Rome*
- 10.15-10.45 Coffee break and Posters view**  
*Tutors:* G. Germani, *Padua*  
A. Lleo De Nalda, *Pieve Emanuele (MI)*
- 10.45-12.00 Symposium**  
**«HCC and new systemic therapies»**  
*Chairpersons:* F. Morisco, *Naples*  
F. Trevisani, *Bologna*
- 10.45-11.05 HCC, HCV, and DAAs: an updated review of the literature**  
G. Galati, *Rome* - M. Guarino, *Naples*
- 11.05-11.25 Which is the correct therapeutic sequence in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma today? From TACE to the third therapeutic line**  
S. Bhoori, *Milan*
- 11.25-11.45 Epidemiological trends and future therapeutic scenarios of hepatocellular carcinoma in Italy**  
Q. Lai, *Rome* - M. Rendina, *Bari*
- 11.45-12.00 Discussion**
- 12.00-13.15 Selected Oral Communications**  
**(Liver failure, hepatobiliary surgery and liver transplantation)**  
*Chairpersons:* S. Martini, *Turin*  
M. Vivarelli, *Ancona*
- 12.00-12.15 Development of a model based on case-mix analysis to predict 6-month patient survival after liver transplantation: a multicenter Italian study**  
*Presenter:* A. Avolio, *Rome*  
*(Abstract Authors:* A. Avolio, Q. Lai, A. Franco, G. Bianco, R. Calia, G. Spoletini, S. Agnes, A. Grieco, M. Rossi, S. Ginanni Corradini, M. Vivarelli, A. Benedetti, L. Lupo, M. Rendina, M. Colledan, S. Fagioli, M. Cescon, C. Donato, F. Zamboni, L. Mameli, L. De Carlis, L. Belli, G. Rossi, F. Donato, V. Mazzaferro, S. Bhoori, F. Di Benedetto, N. De Maria, W. Santaniello, G. Di





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- Costanzo, S. Gruttadauria, R. Volpes, P. De Simone, P. Carrai, M. Spada, V. Nobile, G. Ettorre, V. Giannelli, G. Tisone, I. Lenci, R. Romagnoli, S. Martini, A. Risaliti, P. Toniutto, U. Tedeschi, A. Carraro, P. Burra, U. Cillo – *Rome, Ancona, Bari, Bergamo, Bologna, Cagliari, Milano, Modena, Napoli, Palermo, Pisa, Roma, Turin, Udine, Verona, Padua*
- 12.15-12.30 **Safety and effectiveness of Regorafenib in recurrent HCC after liver transplantation and progression on Sorafenib: a real-life multicentre study**  
*Presenter:* F. Invernizzi, *Milan*  
*(Abstract Authors:* F. Invernizzi, M. Iavarone, C. Czauderna, M. Sanduzzi-Zamparelli, S. Bhoori, G. Amaddeo, M.A. Manini, M.F. López, M. Anders, M. Pinter, M.J. Blanco Rodríguez, M.R. Cristóbal, G.A. Soteras, F. Piñero, G.E. Villadsen, A. Weinmann, G. Crespo, V. Mazzaferro, H. Regnault, M. De Giorgio, M.L. González-Diéguez, M.F. Donato, M. Varela, M.A. Wörns, J. Bruix, P. Lampertico, M. Reig – *Milan, Mainz (Germany), Barcelona (Spain), Créteil (France), Bergamo, Oviedo (Spain), Buenos Aires (Argentina), Vienna (Austria), Jerez (Spain), Madrid (Spain), Aarhus (Denmark)*
- 12.30-12.45 **An intention-to-treat competing-risk model for candidates with hepatocellular cancer waiting for liver transplantation**  
*Presenter:* Q. Lai, *Rome*  
*(Abstract Authors:* Q. Lai, A. Cucchetti, A. Vitale, K. Halazun, S. Iesari, K. Lehner, P. Bhangui, G. Mennini, T. Wong, T. Kaido, C.C. Lin, M. Hoppe-Lotichius, T. Ikegami, Q.F. Xie, Y. Zhe, S.S. Zheng, Y. Soejima, G. Otto, C.L. Chen, S. Uemoto, C.M. Lo, M. Rossi, A.S. Soin, A. Finkenstedt, J.C. Emond, U. Cillo, J. Lerut – *Brussels (Belgium), Rome, Bologna, Padua, New York (USA), Innsbruck (Austria), Gurgaon (India), Hong Kong, Kyoto (Japan), Taiwan, Mainz (Germany), Fukuoka (Japan), Hangzhou (China)*
- 12.45-13.00 **Laparoscopic Liver Resection versus Transarterial Chemoembolization for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in BCLC B Patients: a Propensity Score Analysis**  
*Presenter:* A. Bertacco, *Padua*  
*(Abstract Authors:* A. Bertacco, E. Fasolo, F. D'Amico, A. Vitale, D. Bassi, D. Neri, M. Polacco, R. Boetto, M. Di Giunta, E. Gringeri, U. Cillo on behalf of ITA.LI.CA and I Go MILS - *Padua*)
- 13.00-13.15 **Outcome of critically ill patients with cirrhosis and ACLF after ICU admission**  
*Presenter:* A. Ferrarese, *Padua*  
*(Abstract Authors:* A. Ferrarese, P. Feltracco, S. Barbieri, U. Cillo, A. Zanetto, C. Becchetti, S.S. Sciarrone, S. Shalaby, M. Pellone, F.P. Russo, G. Germani, M. Gambato, P. Burra, M. Senzolo - *Padua*)
- 13.15-13.45 **Difficult to treat Portal thrombosis in cirrhosis with EV and low platelet**  
*Chairpersons:* F. Schepis, *Modena*  
M. Senzolo, *Padua*
- 13.45-14.45 **Lunch break and Posters view**  
*Tutors:* C. Boni, *Parma*  
A. Federico, *Naples*
- 14.45-15.30 **General Assembly III**
- 15.30-15.45 **Scientific Commissions update**  
*Chairpersons:* D. Sacchini, *Rome*  
L. Valenti, *Milan*
- **Ethics in liver transplantation**  
L. Craxi, *Palermo*
  - **Rare lysosomal liver diseases**  
F. Nascimbeni, *Modena*
- 15.45-16.00 **Presentation of the AISF distinguished service award to Prof. Nicola Caporaso**  
*Introduced by:* F. Morisco, *Naples*
- 16.00-17.15 **Selected Oral Communications (Hepatitis B, C and delta clinical)**  
*Chairpersons:* A. Aghemo, *Milan*  
V. Di Marco, *Palermo*
- 16.00-16.15 **The integration of Hepatitis B virus into human genome is a common event in the setting of HBeAg negative chronic infection: implications for an altered cell homeostasis and metabolism**  
*Presenter:* R. Salpini, *Rome*  
*(Abstract Authors:* R. Salpini, L. Carioti, A. Battisti, L. Colagrossi, L. Piermatteo, M. Surdo, V. Cacciafesta, A. Nuccitelli, N. Hansi, F. Ceccherini-Silberstein, C. F. Perno, Upkar S. Gill, P.T.F. Kennedy, V. Svicher - *Rome, London (UK), Milan*
- 16.15-16.30 **Effectiveness and safety of Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir for retreatment of chronic hepatitis C patients with a previous failure to direct-acting antivirals: a real-life study from the Navigatore Lombardia and Veneto Networks**  
*Presenter:* E. Degasper, *Milan*  
*(Abstract Authors:* E. Degasper, A. Spinetti, A. Lombardi, S. Landonio, P. Scotton, L. Pasulo, A.



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- 16.30-16.45 **Long-term liver function changes and related risk factors after direct-acting antiviral therapy in HCV-infected cirrhotic patients: results from a prospective web-based regional platform**  
*Presenter:* F.P. Russo, *Padua*  
*(Abstract Authors:* F.P. Russo, M. Gambato, A. Romano, S. Piovesana, A. Cattelan, Lo Bello, C. Rossi, V. Vanin, S. Panese, I. Franceschet, C. Pozzan, V. Paon, G. Carolo, V. Vincenzi, L. Chemello, F. Noventa, P. Angeli, P. Burra, A. Alberti - *Padua, Treviso, Mestre (VE), Verona, Belluno*
- 16.45-17.00 **Treatment of 320 Genotype 3 Cirrhotic patients with 12 weeks Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir with or without ribavirin: Real life experience from Italy**  
*Presenter:* L. Pasulo, *Bergamo*  
*(Abstract Authors:* L. Pasulo, M. Gambato, A. Spinetti, R. D'Ambrosio, M. Puoti, A. Ciancio, V. Di Marco, V. Calvaruso, P. Colombatto, M. Brunetto, M. Schiavini, P. Fabris, P. Sacchi, R. Gulminetti, G. Carolo, P. Scotton, C. Pozzan, M. Vinci, M. Viganò, A. Lombardi, S. Lobello, M. Zuin, A. Aghemo, M.G. Rumi, M. Carrara, V. Manfrin, C. Uberti-Foppa, S. Panese, V. Paon, A. Pan, O. Spinelli, A. D'Arminio Monforte, A. Colli, G. Spinzi, F.P. Russo, L. Chemello, V. Vincenzi, P. Grossi, E. Buscarini, G. Cardaci, A. Soria, B. Menzaghi, M. Mendeni, R. Soffredini, M. Colpani, S. Zaltron, A. Gori, P. Del Poggio, A. Giorgini, G. Cologni, F. Cartabellotta, F. Di Lorenzo, I. Cacciola, A. Albanese, M.A. Di Rosolini, A. Digiaco, A. Capretti, M. Memoli, C. Rossi, L. Cavalletto, F. Capra, A.E. Colombo, C. Dibenedetto, C.F. Magni, F. Noventa, P. Lampertico, F. Castelli, A. Alberti, S. Fagiuoli - *Bergamo, Padua, Brescia, Milan, Turin, Palermo, Pisa, Vicenza, Pavia, Verona, Treviso, Venezia, Cremona, Como, Lecco, Belluno, Varese, Crema (CR), Monza, Messina, Modica (RG), Comiso (RG)*
- 17.00-17.15 **HCV-Ab sero-prevalence in persons who inject drugs in a Province of Southern Italy: results of a screening program**  
*Presenter:* A. Aglitti, *Salerno*  
*(Abstract Authors:* A. De Luna, M. Masarone, C. Armenante, A. Giordano, A. Guardiola, G. Raimondi, C. Contaldi, C. Nigro, G. Marena, A. Aglitti, M. Persico - *Salerno, Battipaglia (SA), Nocera Inferiore (SA), Sapri (SA), Agropoli (SA), Sant'Arzenio (SA)*
- 17.15-17.30 **Young Investigators Awards**  
*Presenters for the 2 best oral communications*  
*Basic:* L. Fabris, *Padua*  
*Clinical:* R. D'Ambrosio, *Milan*  
  
*Presenters for the 2 best poster*  
*Basic:* C. Boni, *Parma*  
A. Lleo De Nalda, *Pieve Emanuele (MI)*  
*Clinical:* A. Federico, *Naples*  
G. Germani, *Padua*
- 17.30 **Closure of the Annual Meeting**



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### Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

- N° 1 Shedding light on the X chromosome contribution to the genetic architecture of primary biliary cholangitis**  
A. Gerussi, R. Asselta, E. Paraboschi, M. Carbone, V. Ronca, L. Cristofori, F. Malinverno, S. Duga, P. Invernizzi  
*Monza (MB), Pieve Emanuele (MI)*
- N° 2 Association Between Black Race and Presentation and Liver-related Outcomes of Patients with Autoimmune Hepatitis**  
Y.S. de Boer, A. Gerussi, F.F. van den Brand, G.-W. Wong, N. Halliday, R. Liberal, J.P.H. Drenth, D. Thorburn, G. Bouma, the Dutch Autoimmune Hepatitis Study Group (DAIHG) and M.A. Heneghan - *Amsterdam (Netherlands), London (UK), Monza (MB), Nijmegen (Netherlands)*, Dutch Autoimmune Hepatitis Study Group collaborators: N.M. van Gerven, U. Beuers, K.J. van Erpecum, H.R. van Buuren, J.W. den Ouden, J.T. Brouwer, J.M. Vrolijk, R.C. Verdonk, B. van Hoek, G.H. Koek, M.M.J. Guichelaar, E. Bloemena, C.M.J. van Nieuwkerk, T.C.M.A. Schreuder, E.J. van der Wouden, J.J.M. van Meyel, L.C. Baak, P.H.G.M. Stadhouders, M. Klemm-Kropp, M.A.M.T. Verhagen, A. Bhalla, J.Ph. Kuijvenhoven
- N° 3 Three years of Obeticholic Acid (OCA) Therapy Results in Histological Improvements in Patients with Primary Biliary Cholangitis: Further Analysis of the POISE Biopsy Substudy**  
C.L. Bowlus, P.J. Pockros, A.E. Kremer, A. Parés, L.M. Forman, J.P.H. Drenth, S. Ryder, L. Terracciano, A. Floreani, Y. Jin, A. Lieberman, R. Pencek, U. Illoeje, L. MacConell, P. Bedossa - *Sacramento (CA, USA), La Jolla (CA, USA), Erlangen (Germany), Barcelona (Spain), Aurora (CO, USA), Nijmegen (Netherlands), Nottingham (UK), Basel (Switzerland), Padua, San Diego (CA, USA), Paris (France)*
- N° 4 Epidemiology of porphyrias in Italy: Rare complex diseases with liver involvement- data from the registry of Gruppo Italiano Porfiria (GrIP)**  
P. Ventura, M. Cappellini, A. Macrì, C. Guida, A. Nicolli5, M. Rossi, E. Di Pierro, V. Brancaleoni, F. Granata, V. Fiorentino, S. Fustinoni, R. Sala, P.G. Calzavara-Pinton, A. Trevisan, S. Marchini, C. Cuoghi, M. Marcacci, A. Pietrangelo, F. Sorge, C. Aurizi, M.G. Savino (Gruppo Italiano Porfiria) - *Modena, Milan, Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo (FG), Padua, Brescia*
- N° 5 Acute presentation and male predominance in a series of adult patients with seronegative autoimmune hepatitis**  
C. Bensi, C. Campani, C. Fiorini, S. Aspite, G. Vannini, G. Laffi, F. Marra - *Florence*
- N° 6 The role of bile acids profile and insulin resistance for the prediction of gallbladder disease in a prospective cohort of blood donors**  
F. Azzaroli, P. Simoni, R. Arena1, E. Dajti, F. Ravaioli, R.M. Zagari, A. Porro, C. Camborata, A. Belardinelli, S. Spinozzi, M. Montagnani, F. Bazzoli, D. Festi, F. Placido, A. Roda, G. Mazzella - *Bologna*
- N° 7 Novel Super Stealth immunoliposomes for cancer targeted delivery of doxorubicin: an innovative strategy to reduce liver toxicity**  
D. Gabbia, E. Canato, V. Carraro, L. Tomasini, M. Guido, G. Pasut, S. De Martin - *Padua*
- N° 8 The administration of a high-fat diet alters bile acid composition and hepatic drug metabolism in rats**  
D. Gabbia, M. Roverso, M. Guido, D. Sacchi, A. Floreani, F.P. Russo, S. Bogialli, S. De Martin - *Padua*
- N° 9 Increased portal pressure is associated with elevated liver enzymes during pregnancy: the role of doppler-ultrasound and liver stiffness measurement**  
C. Serra, E. Dajti, C. Felicani, E. Tiratterra, A. Perolo, A. Farina, F. Ravaioli, V. Gabusi, M. Montagnani, G. Mazzella, F. Azzaroli - *Bologna*
- N° 10 Risk of liver disease in first-degree relatives of patients with advanced NAFLD: initial data from an Italian cohort study**  
A. Cespiati, S. Pelusi, S. Maier, R. Lombardi, G. Baselli, P. Dongiovanni, G. Soardo, A.L. Fracanzani, L. Valenti *Milan, Udine*
- N° 11 Is poor vitamin status a reliable target for treatment of symptomatic patients with hepatic acute porphyrias**  
P. Ventura, M. Marcacci, S. Marchini, C. Cuoghi, D. Vaccari, A. Pietrangelo - *Modena*
- N° 12 HEV infection: an emerging disease. One year observation in a tertiary care center in Milan**  
S. De Nicola, L. Colagrossi, M.C. Moiola, A. Nava, M. Mercuri, D. Campisi, M. Puoti, D. Fanti, C.F. Perno, M. Vinci - *Milan*
- N° 13 Prevalence and pattern of atherosclerotic changes in primary biliary cholangitis and in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease**  
F.R. Ponziani, L. Salvatore, A. Nesci, B. Funaro, C. Caputo, L. Miele, A. Grieco, A. Santoliquido, A. Gasbarrini, M. Pompili - *Rome*
- N° 14 TM6SF2 silencing impairs lipid metabolism and trafficking in HepG2 cells carrying the I148M PNPLA3 variant and MBOAT7 deletion**  
M. Longo, M. Meroni, R. Rametta, V. Erconi, S. Romeo, A.L. Fracanzani, L. Valenti, P. Dongiovanni - *Milan, Gothenburg (Sweden)*



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- N° 15 Algorithms Using Noninvasive Tests Can Accurately Identify Patients with Advanced Fibrosis due to NASH: Data from the STELLAR Clinical Trials**  
P. Lampertico, Z.M. Younossi, E.J. Lawitz, N. Alkhoury, V.W.-S. Wong, M. Romero-Gomez, T. Okanou, M. Trauner, K. Kersey, G. Li, G.M. Subramanian, R.P. Myers, C.S. Djedjos, L. Han, G. Chen, T. Nguyen, A. Kohli, N. Bzowej, Z. Younes, S. Sarin, M.L. Shiffman, S.A. Harrison, Z. Goodman, N.H. Afdhal, M. Stepanova, Q.M. Anstee – *Milan, Falls Church (VA, USA), San Antonio (TX, USA), Hong Kong, Sevilla (Spain), Osaka (Japan), Vienna (Austria), Foster City (CA, USA), Chandler (AZ, USA), New Orleans (LA, USA), Germantown (TN, USA), New Delhi (India), Richmond (VA, USA), Boston (MA, USA), Washington (DC, USA), Newcastle-upon-Tyne (UK)*
- N° 16 Selenoprotein P levels discriminate the degree of hepatic steatosis and are related to the NAS score in patients with Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease**  
C. Rosso, R. Younes, E. Morello, M. Gaggini, G.P. Caviglia, C. Marinoni, M.J. Garcia Blanco, A. Olivero, G.M. Saracco, A. Gastaldelli, A. Smedile, E. Bugianesi – *Turin, Pisa, Madrid (Spain)*
- N° 17 FXR rs35724 G>C Variant Modulates Cholesterol levels, Carotid Atherosclerosis and Liver Damage in Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver**  
S. Grimaudo, P. Dongiovanni, R.M. Pipitone, G. Baselli, C. Cammà, D. Cabibi, V. Di Marco, M. Longo, G. Pennisi, S. Fargion, A. Craxi, L. Valenti, S. Petta – *Palermo, Milan*
- N° 18 Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)/nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) patients with advanced liver disease had high burden of comorbidities, healthcare resource utilization (HCRU) and costs: results from Italian administrative databases**  
G. Marchesini, J. Ting, S. Saragoni, L. Degli Esposti, A.B. Ozbay, S. Petta – *Bologna, Foster City (CA, USA), Ravenna, Palermo*
- N° 19 Preclinical evaluation of Endothelial Dysfunction by peripheral artery tonometry and its correlations with untargeted metabolomic profiles in NAFLD**  
J. Troisi, M. Masarone, R. Caruso, A. Colucci, V. Rosato, A. Aglitti, M. Persico – *Salerno*
- N° 20 Hepatocyte expression of the protein kinase ERK5 regulates insulin sensitivity**  
G. Di Maira, G. Lori, B. Piombanti, M.L. Taddei, M. Parri, E. Rovida, P. Chiarugi, F. Marra – *Florence*
- N° 21 Impact of genetic polymorphisms associated with NAFLD on hepatic and vascular complications in diabetes**  
R. Lombardi, L. Airaghi, G. Targher, G. Serviddio, P. Dongiovanni, G. Maffi, M. Meroni, A. Mantovani, C. Maffei, A. Colecchia, R. Villani, L. Valenti, S. Fargion, A.L. Fracanzani – *Milan, Verona, Foggia*
- N° 22 The role of delta creatinine and serum albumin in predicting mortality in patients with severe alcoholic hepatitis and infection**  
G. Germani, N. Zeni, D. Bizzaro, A. Ruzzarin, C. Becchetti, A. Ferrarese, A. Zanetto, S. Sciarrone, S. Shalaby, M. Gambato, F.P. Russo, M. Senzolo, P. Burra – *Padua*
- N° 23 Prevalence of patients with Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: from primary care to tertiary centers. The Turin experience**  
A. Armandi, C. Rosso, R. Younes, M. Marietti, G.P. Caviglia, M.J. Garcia Blanco, C. Marinoni, G.M. Saracco, E. Bugianesi – *Turin, Madrid (Spain)*
- N° 24 Metabolomic profile of morbidly obese NAFLD: effect of weight loss by exenatide or diet**  
B. Patrício, M. Gaggini, F. Carli, B. Astiarraga, C. Rosso, E. Ferrannini, E. Bugianesi, S. Camastra, A. Gastaldelli – *Pisa, Turin*
- N° 25 Transcriptomics highlights interleukin-32 a novel biomarker showing higher accuracy in carriers of the pnp1a3 i148m variant**  
G.A. Baselli, P. Dongiovanni, R. Rametta, M. Meroni, S. Pelusi, M. Maggioni, S. Badiali, P. Pingitore, T. Montalcini, D. Prati, G. Rossi, A. Fracanzani, R.M. Mancina, S. Romeo, L.V.C. Valenti – *Milan, Catanzaro, Gothenburg (Sweden)*
- N° 26 The role of immune profile in patients with severe alcoholic hepatitis in predicting mortality and the development of infections: a prospective evaluation**  
G. Germani, N. Zeni, D. Bizzaro, C. Becchetti, A. Ferrarese, A. Zanetto, S. Sciarrone, S. Shalaby, M. Gambato, F.P. Russo, M. Senzolo, P. Burra – *Padua*
- N° 27 Alterations in stearyl-CoA-desaturase index and metalloproteinase activity in nutritional versus genetic rat models of NAFLD**  
V. Siciliano, C. Berardo, L.G. Di Pasqua, P. Richelmi, B. Mannucci, V. Papagno, A.C. Croce, V. Rizzo, S. Perlini, M. Vairetti, G. Palladini, A. Ferrigno – *Pavia*
- N° 28 Clinical impact of comorbidities in an Italian NAFLD cohort**  
L. Miele, A. Liguori, G. Marrone, F.R. Ponziani, A. Tortora, V. Abbate, M.E. Ainora, E. Rinninella, N. De Matthaeis, F. Pizzolante, M. Biolato, M.A. Zocco, L. Riccardi, M.C. Mele, M. Siciliano, G. Addolorato, M. Pompili, G.L. Rapaccini, A. Gasbarrini, A. Grieco – *Rome*
- N° 29 Cholangiocarcinoma primary, circulating and metastatic stem-like cells**  
M. Correnti, M. Erreni, R. Avigni, M. Sironi, J.M. Banales, G. Cavalloni, M. Donadon, G. Torzilli, F. Marra, C. Raggi – *Rozzano (MI), Florence*
- N° 30 Weighted gene co-expression network analysis of circulating miRNAs as a tool to discover prognostic biomarkers for Hepatocellular Carcinoma**  
D. Pascut, M.Y. Pratama, F. Gilardi, R. Patti, L. S. Crocè, C. Tiribelli – *Trieste, Makassar (Indonesia)*





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### N° 31 Retracted

### N° 32 Lack of CCL2 limits the development of HCC in a model of obesity-associated carcinogenesis

E. Vivoli, B. Piombanti, C. Raggi, S. Madiati, G. Di Maira, F. Marra - *Florence*

### N° 33 Acquisition of stem-like features in human cholangiocarcinoma is associated with an oxidative metabolism

C. Raggi, N. Navari, M.L. Taddei, E. Sacco, M. Correnti, B. Piombanti, J.B. Andersen, M. Ramazzotti, I. Orlandi, P. Chiarugi, F. Marra - *Florence, Rozzano (MI), Milan, Copenhagen (Denmark)*

### N° 34 Immunomorphological and molecular panel help identify intermediate cells in mixed primary liver cancers

D. Malvi, D. de Biase, S. Fittipaldi, M. Grillini, M. Visani, A. D'Errico, F. Vasuri - *Bologna*

### N° 35 Early treatment with sorafenib and mTOR inhibitor in recurrent hepatocellular carcinoma after liver transplantation: safety and survival

S. Mazza, F. Invernizzi, M. Iavarone, C. Zavaglia, U. Maggi, L. Cesarini, B. Antonelli, A. Airoidi, M.A. Manini, A. Sangiovanni, G. Rossi, M.F. Donato, L.S. Belli, P. Lampertico - *Milan, Bergamo*

### N° 36 Combined therapy with Sorafenib and FAK inhibitor TAE226 impairs hepatocellular carcinoma growth by interfering with epigenetic modifications and stemness markers

I. Romito, R. Braghini, N. Panera, L. Pompili, A. Crudele, C. De Stefanis, M. Porru, C. Leonetti, A. Alisi - *Rome*

### N° 37 Circulating miR-3185 as a Predictive marker for Overall Survival in Patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma

M.Y. Pratama, A. Visintin, M.R. Buonocore, L.S. Crocè, C. Tiribelli, D. Pascut - *Trieste, Makassar (Indonesia)*

### N° 38 Direct acting antivirals after successful treatment of early hepatocellular carcinoma improve survival in HCV-cirrhotic patients

G. Cabibbo, C. Celsa, V. Calvaruso, S. Petta, I. Cacciola, M.R. Cannavò, S. Madonia, M. Rossi, B. Magro, F. Rini, M. Distefano, L. Larocca, T. Prestileo, G. Malizia, G. Bertino, F. Benanti, A. Licata, I. Scalisi, G. Mazzola, M.A. Di Rosolini, G. Alaimo, A. Averna, F. Cartabellotta, N. Alessi, S. Guastella, M. Russello, G. Scifo, G. Squadrito, G. Raimondo, A. Craxi, V. Di Marco, C. Cammà on behalf of Rete Sicilia Selezione Terapia - HCV (RESIST-HCV), and Italian Liver Cancer (ITA.LI.CA.) Group - *Palermo, Messina, Catania, Siracusa, Trapani, Ragusa, Agrigento, Caltanissetta*

### N° 39 Uncovering "hidden" mutations in hepatocellular carcinoma: the use of droplet digital PCR to detect TERT promoter mutations

F. Pezzuto, F. Izzo, P. De Luca, E. Biffali, L. Buonaguro, F. Tatangelo, G. Botti, F.M. Buonaguro, M.L. Tornesello - *Naples*

### N° 40 Nuclear orphan receptor COUP-TF2 induces anoikis resistance, amoeboid migration and metastatic potential in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)

E. Ceni, T. Mello, S. Polvani, M. Tarocchi, M. Vasseur-Cognet, S. Milani, A. Galli - *Florence, Paris (France)*

### N° 41 AGT gene polymorphisms predict early dose modification of sorafenib for dermatological adverse events: towards tailored medicine for patients with hepatocellular carcinoma

M. Iavarone, E. Galmozzi, A. De Silvestri, A. Casadei-Gardini, F. Piscaglia, G. Marisi, F. Facchetti, L. Faloppi, L. Ielasi, F. Tovoli, A. Cimino, M. Scartozzi, S. Cascinu, A. Sangiovanni, C. Tinelli, P. Lampertico - *Milan, Pavia, Meldola (FC), Bologna, Cagliari, Modena*

### N° 42 Characteristics of hepatocellular carcinoma patients with long-term survival: an ITA.LI.CA report

F. Pelizzaro, A. Vieno, G. Peserico, A. Imondi, A. Sartori, B. Penzo, F. Trevisani, F. Farinati - *Padua, Bologna*

### N° 43 A new regulator of mitochondrial OXPHOS in hepatocytes and HCC cell lines: the AAA+ ATPase RuvBL1

I. Simeone, M. Materozzi, E. Ceni, S. Polvani, M. Tarocchi, A. Galli, T. Mello - *Florence, Siena*

### N° 44 Surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy as a diagnostic tool for circulating miRNA detection in HCC: the SERMI4cancer project

D. Pascut, A. Bonifacio, A. Visintin, A. Di Silvestre, E. Mitri, L.S. Crocè, C. Tiribelli - *Trieste*

### N° 45 Capecitabine in advanced hepatocellular carcinoma: a multicenter experience

F. Pelizzaro, A. Sammarco, D. Pastorelli, P. Giovanis, V. Dadduzio, M.D. Rizzato, G. Lombardi, S. Lonardi, G. Peserico, A. Imondi, A. Sartori, G. Maddalo, F. Farinati - *Padua, Feltre (BL)*

### N° 46 Percutaneous microwave (MW) is superior to radiofrequency ablation (RFA) to induce complete response in cirrhotic patients with very early and early hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)

E. Mosso, M. Ciruolo, S. Vola, P. Carucci, E. Rolle, A. Risso, E. Migliore, G.M. Saracco, S. Gaia - *Turin*

### N° 47 Accuracy of diagnostic evaluation of hepatocellular carcinoma with LI-RADS

M. Barabino, N. Mariani, C. Fochesato, G. Franceschelli, A. Angileri, R. Santambrogio, G.P. Carrafiello, E. Opocher - *Milan*

### N° 48 The residual native albumin predicts albumin dysfunction and outcomes in hospitalized cirrhotic patients with acute decompensation or acute-on-chronic liver failure

M. Baldassarre, M. Naldi, M. Bartoletti, A. Antognoli, M. Laggetta, M. Gagliardi, G. Zaccherini, G. Iannone, D. Pratelli, M. Domenicali, K. Waterstradt, M. Bartolini, F. Trevisani, M. Bernardi, P. Caraceni - *Bologna, Berlin (Germany)*



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**N° 49 Predictors of nosocomial Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure for the risk stratification of patients with cirrhosis admitted to hospital with Acute Decompensation**

G. Zaccherini, M. Baldassarre, M. Bartoletti, S. Berardi, M. Tamè, L. Napoli, A. Siniscalchi, A. Fabbri, L. Marconi, A. Antognoli, G. Iannone, M. Domenicali, P. Viale, F. Trevisani, M. Bernardi, P. Caraceni - *Bologna, Rimini*

**N° 50 Fondaparinux vs low molecular weight heparin in the treatment of non malignant portal vein thrombosis in patients cirrhosis**

M. Senzolo, S. Piano, D. Sacerdoti, S. Tonello, A. Zanetto, M. Tonon, P. Simioni, G. Bombonato, P. Burra, P. Angeli - *Padua*



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## Poster Session Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

- N° 1 The clinical course of recurrent versus refractory ascites in outpatients with cirrhosis**  
M. Tonon, S. Piano, C. Gambino, E. Bertoli, A. Martini, A. Brocca, M. Di Pascoli, S. Fasolato, P. Pontisso, P. Angeli – *Padua*
- N° 2 Hepatocyte-specific deletion of ERK5 modulates liver regeneration in mice**  
G. Di Maira, B. Piombanti, A. Lombardo, M. Fazi, C. Berasain, M. Avila F. Marra – *Florence, Navarra (Spain)*
- N° 3 MerTK-mediated cytokine secretion mediates a cross-talk between M2c macrophages and hepatic stellate cells (HSC) to induce fibrosis**  
M. Pastore, A. Caligiuri, C. Raggi, E. Rovida, G. Di Maira, S. Petta, F. Marra – *Florence, Palermo*
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