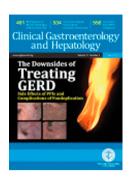
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#### **Abbreviations:**

HE: hepatic encephalopathy, NACSELD: North American Consortium for the Study of End-Stage Liver Disease, MELD: Model for end-stage liver disease, CPT: Child-Pugh-Turcotte

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