

DEPRESSION AS A RISK FACTOR FOR CIRRHOSIS IN PATIENTS WITH PRIMARY BILIARY CHOLANGITIS: A DECISION TREE-BASED RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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Depression is common in primary biliary cholangitis patients (53.9%) and serves as a risk factor for cirrhosis alongside the HLA-DRB1*03:01 allele and other clinical parameters.

KEY POINTS

- Depression was observed in 76 of 141 (53.9%) patients with PBC and was positively associated with serum levels of alkaline phosphatase, gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase, and immunoglobulin M.
- The HLA-DRB1*03:01 allele was more common in PBC patients with depression and increased the risk of cirrhosis with an odds ratio of 5.676 ($p < 0.001$).
- Logistic regression identified PHQ-9 score, HLA-DRB1*03:01 allele, age, and alkaline phosphatase level as risk factors for cirrhosis, with elevated PHQ-9 score (≥ 3.5) serving as a discriminating factor in decision tree modeling.
- Depressive symptoms were associated with poor treatment response in PBC patients, highlighting the clinical importance of identifying and managing depression in this population.

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