

Gastroenterology Research

Instructions to Authors

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Journal Articles

Zargar SA, Javid G, Khan BA, Yattoo GN, Shah AH, Gulzar GM, Singh J, et al. Endoscopic ligation compared with sclerotherapy for bleeding esophageal varices in children with extrahepatic portal venous obstruction. *Hepatology* 2002;36:666-672.

Tan PC, Hou MC, Lin HC, Liu TT, Lee FY, Chang FY, Lee SD. A randomized trial of endoscopic treatment of acute gastric variceal hemorrhage: N-butyl-2-cyanoacrylate injection versus band ligation. *Hepatology* 2006;43:690-697.

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Watson JD. *The Double Helix*. New York: Atheneum, 1968:1-6. Book Chapters

Hofmann AF. The enterohepatic circulation of bile acids in health and disease. In: Sleisinger MH, Fordtran JS, eds. *Gastrointestinal Disease*. Volume 1. 5th ed. Philadelphia: Saunders, 1993:127-150.

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