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Efficacy and Safety of Ornithine Phenylacetate for Treating Overt Hepatic Encephalopathy in a Randomized Trial Robert S. Rahimi etal Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology Vol. 19, No. 12 December 2021 Hepatic encephalopathy (HE) is associated with increased morbidity, mortality, and health careresource use. In a study, it was evaluated the efficacy and safety of ornithine phenylacetate (OP), an ammonia scavenger, in hospitalized patients with cirrhosis, increased levels of ammonia at screening, and acute or overt HE. OP seems to be safe, but it has to be tested further, for treating hyperammonemia in hospitalized patients who receive treatment for the underlying precipitant of acute or overt HE.

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