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Dear Dr Duncan

VICTOR TAMBURRINI 27.4.57
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Diagnosis 1 : Liver cirrhosis with hepatitis C +ve, alcohol excess and iron overload
2 : Possible hepatoma

Mr Tamburrini was feeling fairly well. He has been abstinent for a couple of weeks and I note has no obvious risk factors for his hepatitis C. He remains on Frusemide as his only medication and I note there is no family history of liver problems.

On examination, there were a few spider naevi but no definite ascites. His ultrasound imaging suggests cirrhosis with no definite portal hypertension but an albumin of 25 and PT of 20 indicating advanced liver impairment. Of particular concern is that his alpha fetoprotein has risen from 78 in September to 156 in October and I have repeated this today. His recent MRI scan suggested fibrotic change with an underlying focal mass and no parameters of size were given. I will discuss this with Dr Leen urgently and I have recommended Mr Tamburrini continue to remain abstinent for the time being. If hepatoma is suggested on imaging, we will discuss the matter with the ~~Transplant Unit~~ in Edinburgh although his recent alcohol intake is of concern. I will try to see him in three weeks and have also checked his HFE genotype today in view of his high ferritin and transferrin saturation.

Yours sincerely

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