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C. Gillis, K. Buhler, L. Bresee, F. Carli, L. Gramlich, N. Culos-Reed, T. T. Sajobi, and T. R. Fenton

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From 2007-2014, the nationwide incidences of pediatric and adult pancreatitis in the U.S. have stabilized, or declined, likely due to evolving trends in pancreatitis risk factors and clinical management.

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### 490 Fasting Blood Glucose Levels Provide Estimate of Duration and Progression of Pancreatic

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Carcinoma by Altering Localization of Ribosomal Proteins and Decreasing Levels of p53

P. Cao, A. Yang, R. Wang, X. Xia, Y. Zhai, Y. Li, F. Yang, Y. Cui, W. Xie, Y. Liu, T. Liu, W. Jia, Z. Jiang, Z. Li, Y. Han, C. Gao, Q. Song, B. Xie, L. Zhang, H. Zhang, J. Zhang, X. Shen, Y. Yuan, F. Yu, Y. Wang, J. Xu, Y. Ma, Z. Mo, W. Yu, F. He, and G. Zhou

The authors identified a germline low-frequency duplication of *SNORA18L5* conferring genetic susceptibility to HBV-related HCC. *SNORA18L5* is a novel modulator of p53 inactivation through attenuating the ribosome biogenesis stress-RPs-MDM2-p53 pathway.

## Mechanisms of MAFG Dysregulation in Cholestatic Liver Injury and Development of Liver Cancer

T. Liu, H. Yang, W. Fan, J. Tu, T. W. H. Li, J. Wang, H. Shen, J. Yang, T. Xiong, J. Steggerda, Z. Liu, M. Noureddin, S. S. Maldonado, A. Annamalai, E. Seki, J. M. Mato, and S. C. Lu

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