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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to share the peer-reviewed highlights of Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2015, held in Washington, DC, from May 16 to 19, 2015.

MD Conference Express[®] provides timely, peer-reviewed highlights of high-impact presentations from the live conference, long before they are published in the academic literature, and it is a trusted education resource. The articles selected for this issue underwent a rigorous 5-step peer-review process to ensure their accuracy and provide a reliable interim information source prior to the research being vetted by the standard journal peer-review process.

The articles in this issue of *MD Conference Express* represent the most compelling topics of relevance to a broad array of practitioners and have the potential to influence clinical practice.

Among the clinical trial highlights presented at DDW was the finding that a monoclonal antibody improved remission rates and reduced symptoms in patients with ulcerative colitis in the TURANDOT study. The ALLY-2 study showed that combination treatment with daclatasvir and sofosbuvir safely and effectively treated patients coinfecting with HIV and hepatitis C virus and did not compromise the ongoing HIV treatment.

The featured articles provide a review of management of alcoholic liver disease and the noninvasive assessment of fibrosis.

We hope that you find the information and practical perspectives in this issue of *MD Conference Express* helpful in integrating this new information into your clinical practice. For more information, please visit mdce.sagepub.com.

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