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SPECTRUM OF VIRAL PATHOGENS DETECTED IN CHILDREN WITH ACUTE HEPATITIS OF UNKNOWN ETIOLOGY

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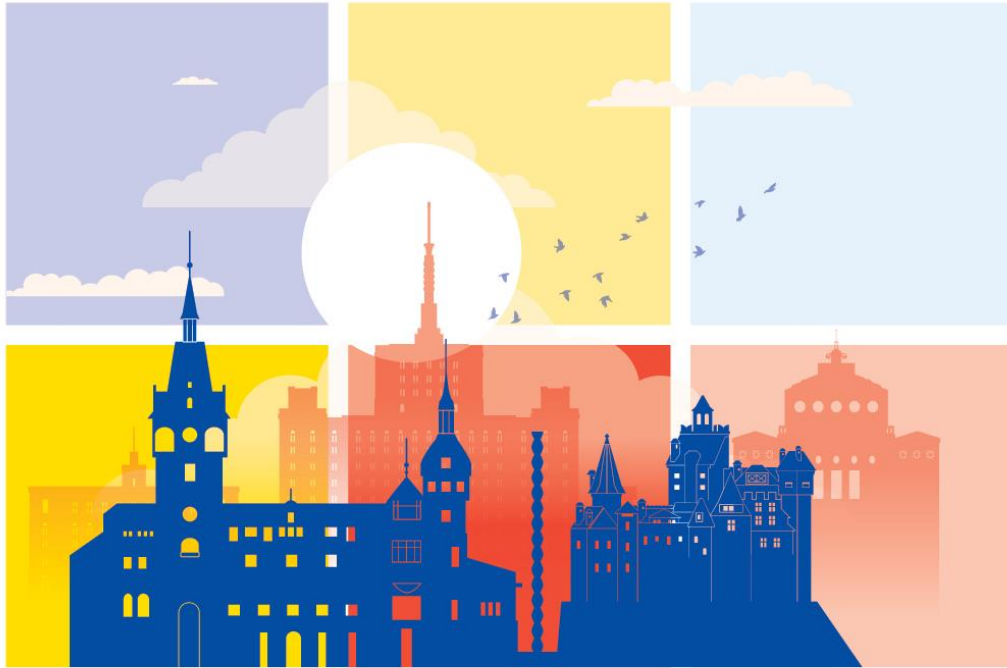
Background: According to WHO more than 1010 cases of severe acute hepatitis were registered in 35 countries in children in whom markers of hepatitis viruses A, B, C, D, E were not detected. Lately it was shown that coinfection of adenovirus F and adeno-associated virus was the most probable cause of disease. That determined the aim of our research of the etiopathogenetic role of other hepatotropic viruses that can cause liver damage in childhood.

Methods: The present studies are devoted to the investigation of the frequency of detection of cytomegalovirus (CMV), Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), herpes simplex viruses (HSV1 and 2), human herpes virus type 6 (HHV6), adenoviruses (AdV), adeno-associated virus, enteroviruses (EV), parvovirus B19, bocavirus markers in children with acute hepatitis of unknown etiology.

Results: As a result of the conducted studies in a group of children aged from 10 months to 18 years, who had no markers of hepatitis viruses A, B, C, E (n=85), the PCR method established that adenoviruses dominated among the detected viral pathogens (10.5%). Adeno-associated virus was detected in 3% of patients. Rotavirus (3.7%), norovirus (1.3%), HHV6 (4.8%) and EBV (4.8%) were among the other viruses detected in patients. Bocavirus was not found in any patient.

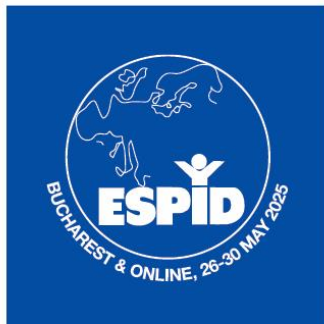
Conclusions/Learning Points: The data obtained in this study indicate the prospects of continuing these investigation with the inclusion in the list of detectable viruses of other potential causative agents of hepatitis in children, such as TTV and SENV.

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