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| **Supplementary table 1: Semi-structured interview for patients and caregivers** | | | | | |
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| PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS | | | | | |
| What do you remember from the episode of hepatic encephalopathy? | | | | | |
| What happened to you? | | | | | |
| Did you notice something special the days prior to the episode of hepatic encephalopathy? | | | | | |
| Were you aware that an episode of hepatic encephalopathy was likely staring? | | | | | |
| Which feelings did you have? | | | | | |
| Did you act in a special manner? | | | | | |
| Would you like to avoid these situations? | | | | | |
| Do you know the measures that could reduce the risk of these episodes? | | | | | |
| Are you afraid to have another episode of hepatic encephalopathy? Why? | | | | | |
| How did the episode of hepatic encephalopathy affect your life? | | | | | |
| Tell me about your spiritual or religious experiences | | | | | |
| ONLY PATIENTS | | | | | |
| After you woke up from hepatic encephalopathy, which feelings did you have? | | | | | |
| ONLY CAREGIVERS | | | | | |
| How is your family living the experience of hepatic encephalopathy? | | | | | |
| Do you feel frustration to face an episode of hepatic encephalopathy? Why? | | | | | |
| Has the disease changed the extended family relationship? | | | | | |
| Has the experience of hepatic encephalopathy affected your personal life? In which way? | | | | | |
| If you have a job, what is the impact on you working life? | | | | | |
| Which measures do you think could be done to minimize the impact on your personal life? | | | | | |
| In your opinion, how can you help your relative? | | | | | |
| Do you have any economic help thru private or public insurance? | | | | | |
| Which measures, do you think that might be done in order to minimize the impact in your personal life? | | | | | |
| In your opinion, what can you help your relative? | | | | | |
| Grants received, whether or not cash contributions ( careers, relatives, …) | | | | | |
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