Table 1: Baseline characteristics of the 28 decompensated patients and 26 healthy controls included in the study.

Variable	Patients n =28	Controls n =26	p value
Age (mean ± SD, years)	53.1 ± 11.5	51.8 ± 10.4	0.65
Gender, male, n (%)	20 (71)	18 (69)	0.86
Etiology of cirrhosis, n (%)			
Viral hepatitis	11 (39)		
Alcohol	11 (39)		
Other	6 (22)		
MELD score (mean ± SD)	12 ± 3		
MELD score <12, n (%)	16 (57)		
MELD score ≥12, n (%)	12 (43)		
CTP score (median, range)	7 (5-11)		
CTP class A, n (%)	9 (32)		
CTP class B/C, n (%)	19 (68)		
History of complications			
SBP, n (%)	3 (10.7)		
GI Bleeding, n (%)	10 (35.7)		
Encephalopathy, n (%)	6 (21.4)		
HCC, n (%)	5 (17.8)		

n: number, SD: standard deviation, MELD: Model for End-stage Liver Disease, CTP: Child-Pugh score, SBP: spontaneous bacterial peritonitis, GI: gastro-intestinal, HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma.