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## INTRODUCTION

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#### AND AIM OF THE WORK

Bright liver is a common medical problem commonly met with during ultrasound examination. It seems important to establish a recognized method in dealing with such situation not only because of it's common occurrence but also because of the diversity of it's causes.

When patients did abdominal ultrasound for reasons other than chronic liver disease, they became panic when the diagnosis of bright liver is made, they need to know what does this mean are they have chronic liver disease? Is this condition is benign? Does it mean one entity of liver disease? A lot of questions are in need for answers. This will help in dealing with its category in appropriate way.

Abdominal ultrasonography has proven to be a reliable and accurate method in the diagnosis of diffuse chronic liver diseases. It has been reported to have an overall accuracy of 73% - 92% (MacCarthy, et al., 1979). It has been also reported that sonography may detect a diffuse parenchymal abnormality with a sensitivity as high as 80%.

Also ultrasound should precede C.T. as a non invasive imaging for hepatobiliary disorders (Mendler 1998). By far, the most common causes

of bright liver are fatty infiltration, chronic hepatitis and cirrhosis (Aube 1999).

Fatty liver is a very common cause of bright liver in the following settings (Sherlock 2002).

- Diabetic patients especially type I.
- Obese subjects.
- Hyperlipoprotienemia.
- Total parenteral nutrition.
- Drags as steroids and tetracyclines.

According to Sherlock also, fatty liver is the commonest cause of elevated liver enzymes among healthy blood donors. The condition is reversible provided that aetiological factor is no longer exists (Faser 1995). It's clear that bright liver is not a simple term, and the cause may be fatty liver which is reversible and has a very good prognosis and on the other hand, may be cirrhosis which may end with liver cell failure (Christensen 1997).