



# ADVANCES IN HEPATOLOGY – FROM MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS TO NOVEL THERAPEUTIC CONCEPTS

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# PREFACE

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to our international symposium, *Advances in Hepatology*, a unique gathering that brings together leading minds from across the globe to explore the latest advancements in the understanding and treatment of liver diseases. This meeting represents a confluence of diverse expertise, from basic science to clinical practice, and offers a platform to foster collaboration, inspire innovation, and pave the way toward transformative breakthroughs in hepatology.

Liver diseases remain a significant global health challenge, with far-reaching impacts on millions of lives. The focus of this year's conference is on new mechanisms and therapies, and our program reflects this emphasis with cutting-edge sessions on topics such as liver fibrosis, cholestatic liver diseases, metabolic liver disease / MASLD, viral hepatitis, and liver cancer. These sessions will delve into the molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying disease progression, as well as emerging therapeutic strategies, including precision medicine, disease monitoring strategies, novel drug targets, and advanced technologies like organoids, single-cell omics and artificial intelligence.

We are proud to host an outstanding lineup of internationally renowned speakers who will share their groundbreaking research and clinical insights. In addition to the plenary sessions, the conference will feature interactive panel discussions, poster presentations, and networking opportunities, ensuring a dynamic and engaging experience for all participants.

This event is not only an opportunity to learn from the best but also a chance to contribute to the future of hepatology. By fostering an open exchange of ideas and building connections across disciplines, we aim to create an environment that inspires innovation and advances the care of patients with liver diseases. We are grateful to the Falk Foundation for providing us this unique platform of international exchange at the symposium.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an intellectually stimulating and highly rewarding conference in Berlin. Together, let us explore the frontiers of hepatology and work toward a healthier future.

Warm regards,

Stefan Fichtner-Feigl   Tom Hemming Karlsen   Sophie Lotersztajn   Frank Tacke

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**October 24-25, 2025**

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# Friday, October 24, 2025

**09:00** Welcome  
*Stefan Fichtner-Feigl, Freiburg; Tom H. Karlsen, Oslo;  
Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Frank Tacke, Berlin*

## SESSION I

### Current developments in hepatology

**Chairs:** *Robert Thimme, Freiburg; Jessica Zucman-Rossi, Paris*

**09:10** Keynote lecture: Major advances in hepatology in 2025  
*Vlad Ratziu, Paris*

**09:30** Liver disease burden in 2025  
*Zobair M. Younossi, Washington  
DC*

**09:50** Liver biology at single-cell resolution  
*Sonya MacParland, Toronto*

**10:10** Liver disease modelling  
*Ludovic Vallier, Berlin*

**10:30** **Coffee break with ePoster session**

## SESSION II

### Mechanisms of injury, inflammation, fibrosis

**Chairs:** *Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Massimo Pinzani, Palermo*

**11:00** Fibrosis progression and regression: An integrated view  
*Robert F. Schwabe, New York*

**11:20** Liver immunology in the era of multi-omics data  
*Charlotte Scott, Ghent*

**11:40** Metabolic reprogramming in liver injury  
*Catherine Postic, Paris*

## Poster pitches

**Chairs:** *Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Massimo Pinzani, Palermo*

**12:00** Basic and translational science  
(5 poster pitches)

**12:30** **Lunch break with ePoster session**

## SESSION III

### Cholestatic liver diseases

**Chairs:** *Christoph Schramm, Hamburg; Tom H. Karlsen, Oslo*

**14:00** Management of primary biliary cholangitis: Current algorithms  
*Christophe Corpechot, Paris*

**14:20** Management of concurrent inflammatory bowel disease and primary sclerosing cholangitis  
*Britta Siegmund, Berlin*

**14:40** The translational journey of drug development in cholangiopathies  
Part 1: From bile acid pathobiology to therapeutic actions of Norucholic acid  
*Peter Fickert, Graz*  
Part 2: Clinical development and trial results with Norucholic acid  
*Michael Trauner, Vienna*

### Panel discussion

**Chair:** *Christoph Schramm, Hamburg*

**15:10** Current management of primary sclerosing cholangitis  
*Verena Keitel-Anselmino, Magdeburg; Tom H. Karlsen, Oslo; Michael Trauner, Vienna*

**15:30** **Coffee break with ePoster session**

## INTERNATIONAL HERBERT FALK AWARD

- 16:00** Presentation of the International Herbert Falk Award  
*Jürgen Schölmerich, Hofheim*
- 16:10** International Herbert Falk Award Lecture: What hepatologists can learn from the discovery of pancreatic stellate cells  
*Minoti Apte, Sydney*

## SESSION IV

### New avenues for liver diseases

**Chairs:** *Paolo Angeli, Padova; Thomas Berg, Leipzig*

- 16:30** Viral hepatitis: Challenging current dogmas on hepatitis B and on delta  
*Heiner Wedemeyer, Hannover*
- 16:50** Genetic cholestasis: Diagnosis and management  
*Verena Keitel-Anselmino, Magdeburg*
- 17:10** Alcohol-associated liver diseases: How can we leverage the developments from the MASLD field?  
*Alexandre Louvet, Lille*
- 17:30** Xenotransplantation and artificial liver devices – new avenues for liver transplantation?  
*Beicheng Sun, Hefei*

# Saturday, October 25, 2025

## SESSION V

### From monitoring liver disease progression to pathways of care

**Chairs:** *Annalisa Berzigotti, Bern; Jochen Hampe, Dresden*

- 09:00** Do we need a non-invasive liver health check in the general population?  
*Maja Thiele, Odense*
- 09:20** Blood-based and imaging biomarkers for monitoring liver disease progression and treatment responses: Are we there yet?  
*Vincent W.-S. Wong, Hong Kong*
- 09:40** The microbiome as a diagnostic tool and a therapeutic target in liver diseases  
*Bernd Schnabl, San Diego*
- 10:00** Scaling up Liver and Metabolic Health Screening - LiverHealth Project in China  
*Xiaolong Qi, Nanjing*
- 10:20** **Coffee break with ePoster session**

## SESSION VI

### Challenges in advanced liver diseases

**Chairs:** *Patrizia Burra, Padova; Xiaolong Qi, Nanjing*

- 10:50** Portal hypertension: What to expect from Baveno VIII?  
*Annalisa Berzigotti, Bern*
- 11:10** Acute-on-chronic liver failure: Evidence-based management  
*Paolo Angeli, Padova*
- 11:30** Moving boundaries in liver transplantation: Obesity, cholangiocarcinoma, alcohol  
*Julie K. Heimbach, Rochester*

## Poster pitches

**Chairs:** *Thomas Berg, Leipzig; Stefan Fichtner-Feigl, Freiburg*

**11:50** Clinical science  
(5 poster pitches)

**12:20** Lunch break with ePoster session

## SESSION VII

### Hepatocellular and cholangiocellular carcinoma

**Chairs:** *Johann Pratschke, Berlin; Lorenza Rimassa, Milan*

**13:20** Therapeutic relevance of the molecular landscape in liver cancer  
*Jessica Zucman-Rossi, Paris*

**13:40** Functional relevance of the immunological environment in liver cancer  
*Mathias Heikenwälder, Heidelberg*

**14:00** The therapeutic (r)evolution in managing liver cancer  
*Bruno Sangro, Pamplona*

**14:20** Moving boundaries in surgery for liver cancer  
*Iswanto Sucandy, Tampa*

**14:40** **Awards for best presentations (posters + poster pitches)**  
*Stefan Fichtner-Feigl, Freiburg; Tom H. Karlsen, Oslo;*  
*Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Frank Tacke, Berlin*

**15:00** Coffee break with ePoster session

## SESSION VIII

### MASLD: The biggest challenge in hepatology?

**Chairs:** *Patrizia Burra, Padova; Münevver Demir, Berlin*

- 15:30** Management of obesity and type 2 diabetes: Lessons for the hepatologist  
*Cyrielle Caussy, Pierre-Bénite*
- 15:50** The next generation of risk stratification algorithms in MASLD  
*Elisabetta Bugianesi, Torino*
- 16:10** The evolving landscape of pharmaceutical therapies in MASLD management  
*Arun J. Sanyal, Richmond*

### Panel discussion

**Chair:** *Patrizia Burra, Padova*

- 16:30** Current medical therapies in MASLD management  
*Cyrielle Caussy, Pierre-Bénite; Vlad Ratziu, Paris; Arun J. Sanyal, Richmond; Frank Tacke, Berlin*
- 16:50** Closing Remarks  
*Stefan Fichtner-Feigl, Freiburg; Tom H. Karlsen, Oslo; Sophie Lotersztajn, Paris; Frank Tacke, Berlin*

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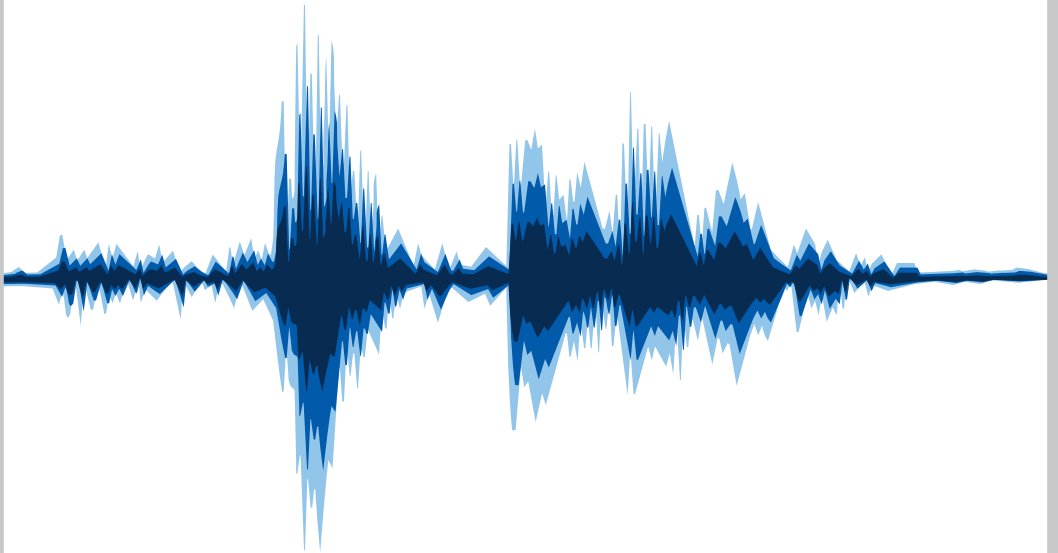
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