

portal
hypertension

complications

Bleeding

Oesophageal varices

Portal hypertensive gastropathy

Ascites

Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis

Hypersplenism

Thrombocytopenia

Neutropenia

Portal-systemic shunting

Prolonged half-life of drugs metabolized by the liver

Systemic spread of gut-derived micro-organisms and endotoxin

Hypergammaglobulinaemia

Probable role in hepatic encephalopathy by allowing systemic spread of ammonia and gut-derived amines

?Role in circulatory manifestations of chronic liver disease

?Role in hepatorenal syndrome

?Role in hepatopulmonary syndrome