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Researchers at the University of Edinburgh in the UK say that tests that detect specific levels of blood in the blood will help doctors identify patients who need more intense treatment after paracetamol overdose. This method will also help speed up the development of new therapies for liver damage.



The test found three different molecules in the blood that are involved in liver damage - called miR-122, HMGB1 and FL-K18.

The study, published in the journal *Lancet Gastroenterology and Hepatology*, evaluated the level of three molecular markers in more than 1,000 patients requiring treatment after overdosing paracetamol.

They found that this test can accurately predict whether the patient will develop liver problems, and who needs to be treated longer before leaving the hospital when the body abuses paracetamol overdose.

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