

Table 2 Worldwide distribution of hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotypes and subtypes

Region	Reference	Most common genotype/subtype
<i>Arab countries</i>		
Egypt	[26]	4
Saudi Arabia	[27,28]	4
Syrian Arab Republic	[29]	4
Kuwait	[30]	4
Lebanon	[31]	4
<i>Islamic Republic of Iran</i>		
Tehran	[8]	1a
Tehran	[9]	3a
Tehran	[10]	1a
East Azerbaijan	[6]	1a
Guilan	Current study	1a
<i>North America</i>		
United States	[32,33]	1a
<i>Europe</i>		
North	[32,33]	1a
South and East	[34]	1b
<i>Africa</i>		
Tunisia	[35]	1b
Morocco	[36]	1b
Cameroon	[37]	4
South Africa	[38]	5