

Table 3 Virological response at week 12, week 24 and the outcomes of therapy at week 24 in hepatitis B core antibody (HBcAb)-positive and -negative patients

Variable	Anti HBc				Statistical test
	Positive (n = 40)		Negative (n = 122)		
Basal HCV RNA viral load (IU/mL)					
Mean (SD)	629 647 (1 304 538)		843 526 (3 468 534)		P = 0.07 ^a
Median	219 000		10 1500		
Range	2930–7 500 000		1180–2 8600 000		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Basal HCV RNA viral load					
≤ 800 000 IU/mL	32	80.0	103	84.4	
> 800 000 IU/mL	8	20.0	19	15.6	
Virological response at week 12 (n = 152)					
Responders	33	82.5	101	82.8	P = 0.34 ^b
Non-responders	3	7.5	15	12.3	
Virological response at week 24 (n = 124)					
Responders	30	75.0	85	69.7	P = 0.58 ^b
Non-responders	2	5.0	7	5.7	
Outcome of antiviral therapy at week 24 (n = 162)					
Responders	30	75.0	85	69.7	$\chi^2 = 0.67$; P = 0.71
Non-responders	5	12.5	22	18.0	
Discontinued	5	12.5	15	12.3	

^aKruskal–Wallace test; ^bFisher exact test.

SD = standard deviation.