

Table 4 Virological response of patients with occult hepatitis B and C virus (HBV/HCV) dual infection and those with HCV mono-infection

Variable	Occult HBV/ HCV dual infection (n = 3)		HCV mono-infection (n = 159)		Statistical test
Basal HCV RNA viral load (IU/mL)					
Median	75 000		144 500		P = 0.41 ^a
Range	5610–260 000		1180–28 600 000		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Basal HCV RNA viral load					
≤ 800 000 IU/mL	3	100.0	132	82.9	P = 0.57 ^b
> 800 000 IU/mL	0	0.0	27	17.1	
Virological response at week 12 (n = 152)					
Responders	3	100.0	131	87.9	P = 0.68 ^b
Non-responders	0	0.0	18	12.1	
Virological response at week 24 (n = 124)					
Responders	2	100.0	113	92.6	P = 0.86 ^b
Non-responders	0	0.0	9	7.3	
Outcome of antiviral therapy at week 24 (n = 162)					
Responders	2	66.6	113	71.1	$\chi^2 = 1.61$; P = 0.45
Non-responders	0	0.0	27	17.0	
Discontinued	1	33.3	19	11.9	

^aKruskal–Wallace test; ^bFisher exact test.