

**Table 3 Relationship between pre-treatment values of the homeostatic model assessment-insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) score and response to therapy in patients with chronic hepatitis C genotype 4**

Response to therapy	HOMA-IR scores			Mann-Whitney test	
	Mean (SD)	Median	Min.-Max.	$P_1$	$P_2$
Early non-responders ( $n = 10$ )	2.95 (1.14)	3.07	1.10-4.67	-	n/a
Partial early virological response ( $n = 7$ )	3.98 (2.13)	3.66	1.90-8.24	0.435 <sup>a</sup>	-
Complete early virological response ( $n = 54$ )	2.32 (2.35)	1.64	0.37-11.66	0.037 <sup>a</sup>	0.007 <sup>b</sup>
Kruskal-Wallis test	$\chi^2 = 10.303^c; P = 0.006$				

<sup>a</sup>Versus early non-responders; <sup>b</sup>Versus partial early virological response; <sup>c</sup>Comparing groups.

SD = standard deviation.