

**Table 6 Characteristics and laboratory findings for hepatitis C virus incident cases among health-care workers in the cohort study**

Variable	Case no.			
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<i>Sociodemographic characteristics</i>				
Age (years)	39	40	62	25
Sex	Female	Female	Male	Female
Marital status	Married	Married	Married	Married
Occupation	Nurse	Nurse	Manual worker	Nurse
<i>Risk exposures</i>				
Exposures in previous 6 months <sup>a</sup>				
Surgical operation	No	No	No	No
Hospital admission	No	No	No	No
Received any injection	No	No	No	No
Shaved at barber	n/a	n/a	No	n/a
Received blood	No	No	No	No
Received dental treatment	No	No	No	No
Child delivery	No	No	n/a	No
Used invasive contraception	No	No	n/a	No
Percutaneous blood exposure	No	No	No	No
Exposure to body fluids	No	No	Yes	Yes
<i>Infection control</i>				
Use of standard precautions	No	No	Yes	Yes
Received HBV vaccination	No	No	No	No
<i>Laboratory findings</i>				
HCV EIA				
At enrolment	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
At 12-month follow-up	+ve	-ve	+ve	-ve
At 18-month (last) follow-up	+ve	+ve	+ve	+ve
HCV PCR				
At enrolment	-ve	-ve	-ve	-ve
At 12-month follow-up	-ve	-ve	+ve	-ve
At 18-month (last) follow-up	-ve	-ve	+ve	-ve

<sup>a</sup>Self-reported exposures at the second (last) follow-up visit, 18 months post-enrolment.

n/a = not applicable; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HCV EIA = anti-hepatitis C virus antibody testing using enzyme immunoassay; HCV PCR = hepatitis C virus RNA testing using polymerase chain reaction assay; -ve/+ve = negative/positive test result.