

Table 1 Comparison of demographic characteristics of all patients with hepatitis B (HBV) and C virus (HCV) infection and those who experienced stigma

| Patients' characteristics | Total (n = 140) | | Experienced stigma (n = 111) | | z-value | P-value |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----|---------------------------------|----|---------|---------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | | |
| <i>Sex</i> | | | | | | |
| Male | 86 | 61 | 71 | 64 | 0.41 | 0.34 |
| Female | 54 | 39 | 40 | 36 | 0.41 | 0.34 |
| <i>Age (years)</i> | | | | | | |
| 18–35 | 39 | 28 | 31 | 28 | 0.01 | 0.49 |
| > 35 | 101 | 72 | 80 | 72 | 0.01 | 0.49 |
| <i>Socioeconomic status</i> | | | | | | |
| Upper | 17 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 0.3 | 0.37 |
| Middle | 31 | 22 | 26 | 23 | 0.24 | 0.40 |
| Lower | 92 | 66 | 70 | 63 | 0.43 | 0.32 |
| <i>Marital status</i> | | | | | | |
| Married | 125 | 89 | 99 | 89 | 0.02 | 0.49 |
| Single | 15 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 0.02 | 0.49 |
| <i>Occupation</i> | | | | | | |
| Government employee | 36 | 26 | 31 | 28 | 0.39 | 0.34 |
| Labourer | 23 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 0.63 | 0.26 |
| Housewife | 43 | 31 | 31 | 28 | 0.48 | 0.31 |
| Private business worker | 25 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 0.39 | 0.34 |
| <i>Type of patient</i> | | | | | | |
| Outpatient | 80 | 57 | 65 | 59 | 0.22 | 0.40 |
| Inpatient | 60 | 43 | 46 | 41 | 0.22 | 0.40 |
| <i>Duration of illness (years)</i> | | | | | | |
| ≤ 1 | 50 | 36 | 41 | 37 | 0.20 | 0.42 |
| ≤ 2 | 19 | 14 | 17 | 15 | 0.39 | 0.34 |
| ≤ 3 | 22 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 0.69 | 0.24 |
| ≤ 4 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 0.54 | 0.29 |
| ≤ 5 | 37 | 27 | 28 | 25 | 0.21 | 0.41 |
| <i>Hepatitis status</i> | | | | | | |
| HCV | 115 | 82 | 91 | 82 | 0.03 | 0.48 |
| HBV | 23 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 0.14 | 0.44 |
| Both HBV + HCV | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.38 | 0.35 |