

Table 1 Demographic characteristics of all immigrants tested for hepatitis B surface antigen

Variable	Tested	Positive
Total (No.)	890	83
Male/female (No.)	758/132/	830/
Mean time in Italy [days (Range)]	72 (4–192)	
Mean age [years (Range)]	24 (15–39)	23 (16–37)
Origin [No. (%)]		
Africa	625 (70.2)	52 (62.7)
Asia	162 (18.2)	18 (21.7)
Eastern Europe	77 (8.7)	13 (15.7)
South America	26 (2.9)	0 (0)