

Table 2 Distribution and ranking of principal concerns (both volunteered and those presented as a list) of patients with chronic hepatitis B or C infection ($n = 36$)

Concern	Volunteered by patients		List presented to patients
	% ^a	Mean (SD) score ^b	Mean (SD) score ^b
Fear of disease	5.6	2.50 (2.12)	
Costs and money	22.2	3.63 (2.72)	
Lifestyle change	33.3	4.83 (2.82)	
Psychological disease	5.6	7.00 (2.82)	
Infesting family	80.6	1.76 (1.18)	2.58 (SD 1.98)
Disease progression (cirrhosis)	44.4	2.69 (1.53)	2.87 (SD 1.58)
Infesting others	66.7	2.83 (1.34)	3.70 (SD 1.88)
Developing liver cancer	25.0	4.00 (2.06)	4.03 (SD 2.11)
Side-effects of treatment	50.0	3.83 (1.75)	4.93 (SD 1.84)
Need for liver transplant	36.1	4.69 (1.60)	5.20 (SD 1.49)
Social stigma	36.1	4.15 (2.60)	5.35 (SD 2.54)
Loss of employment	41.7	4.60 (2.72)	6.00 (SD 2.35)

^a% of patients mentioning this concern.

^bLower score = higher ranking.

SD = standard deviation.