

**Table 5 Prevalence of hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) and antibody to the hepatitis C virus (anti-HCV) by culture-related risk factors**

| Risk factor   | No. of subjects | HBsAg positive |               | Anti-HCV positive |               |
|---|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
|   |                 | No. (%)        | OR (95% CI)   | No. (%)           | OR (95% CI)   |
| <i>Shaving (male ≥ 20 years)</i>                          |                 |                |               |                   |               |
| None  | 5 288           | 180 (3.4)      | 1             | 295 (5.6)         | 1             |
| Home  | 1 983           | 73 (3.7)       | 1.1 (0.8-1.4) | 149 (7.5)         | 1.4 (1.1-1.7) |
| Barber  | 5 419           | 244 (4.1)      | 1.5 (1.2-1.9) | 532 (9.8)         | 1.8 (1.5-2.1) |
| <i>Sharing tooth brush/miswak (≥ 5 years)</i>             |                 |                |               |                   |               |
| No  | 2 364           | 1 083 (2.6)    | 1             | 2 173 (5.1)       | 1             |
| Yes   | 476             | 20 (4.2)       | 1.6 (1.0-2.7) | 41 (8.4)          | 1.6 (1.2-2.4) |
| <i>Sharing cigarettes/hookah/bidi (adults ≥ 20 years)</i> |                 |                |               |                   |               |
| No  | 23 027          | 698 (3.0)      | 1             | 1 676 (7.3)       | 1             |
| Yes   | 1 373           | 75 (5.5)       | 1.8 (1.4-2.4) | 158 (11.5)        | 1.7 (1.4-2.0) |
| <i>Tattooing/acupuncture (≥ 5 years)</i>                  |                 |                |               |                   |               |
| No  | 42 606          | 1 095 (2.6)    | 1             | 2 195 (5.2)       | 1             |
| Yes   | 229             | 8 (3.5)        | 1.4 (0.6-2.8) | 19 (8.3)          | 1.6 (1.0-2.7) |
| <i>Ear/nose piercing (female ≥ 5 years)</i>               |                 |                |               |                   |               |
| No  | 5 257           | 76 (1.5)       | 1             | 161 (3.1)         | 1             |
| Yes   | 15 141          | 351 (2.3)      | 1.6 (1.2-2.1) | 886 (5.8)         | 2.0 (1.7-2.4) |
| <i>History of surgery</i>                                 |                 |                |               |                   |               |
| No  | 44 697          | 1 083 (2.4)    | 1             | 2 058 (4.6)       | 1             |
| Yes   | 2 346           | 73 (3.1)       | 1.3 (1.0-1.2) | 236 (10.1)        | 2.3 (2.0-2.7) |

CI = confidence interval; OR = odds ratio.