

Table 4 Baseline clinical characteristics of HCV patients with and without sustained virological response

Variable	Sustained virological response				Statistical significance	
	No (n = 38)		Yes (n = 70)		χ^2 test	P-value
	No.	%	No.	%		
Genotype						
1	16	42.1	14	20.0	7.70	0.02
2	5	13.2	22	31.4		
3	17	44.7	34	48.6		
Viral load (PCR)						
Low	5	13.2	38	54.3	17.39	< 0.001
High	33	86.8	32	45.7		
ALT (\times normal level)						
2–2.49	7	18.4	30	42.9	8.36	0.02
2.5–2.99	13	34.2	23	32.9		
≥ 3	18	47.4	17	24.3		
AST (\times normal level)						
2–2.49	19	50.0	44	63.8	23.24	< 0.001
2.5–2.99	11	28.9	21	30.4		
≥ 3	8	21.1	4	5.8		
Early virological response						
No	22	57.9	3	4.3	39.79	< 0.001
Yes	16	42.1	66	95.4		

PCR = polymerase chain reaction; ALT = alanine aminotransferase; AST = aspartate aminotransferase.