

**Table 4 Characteristics of haemodialysis patients according to hepatitis C virus (HCV) antibody status, and univariate analysis of risk factors**

Characteristic	Total	Anti-HCV positive		Anti-HCV negative		OR (95% CI)
	No.	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Total</b>	160	7	4.4	153	95.6	
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	55	1	1.7	54	98.2	1
Male	105	6	5.7	99	94.3	3.27 (0.38-27.9)
<b>History of blood transfusion</b>						
Yes	127	6	4.7	121	95.3	1
No	33	1	3.0	32	97.0	1.59 (0.18-13.7)
<b>First blood transfusion</b>						
Never	33	1	3.0	32	97.0	1
Before 1996	17	3	17.7	14	82.3	6.90 (0.60-71.8)
After 1996	110	3	2.7	107	97.3	0.89 (0.09-8.90)
<b>Duration of haemodialysis (months)</b>						
≤ 24	103	1	1.0	102	99.0	1
≥ 25	57	6	10.5	51	89.5	12.0 (1.41-102)
<b>History of kidney transplantation</b>						
Yes	10	3	30.0	7	70.0	1
No	150	4	2.7	146	97.3	15.6 (2.92-83.8)
<b>Number of dialyses (per week)</b>						
1 or 2	51	3	5.9	48	94.1	1
3	109	4	3.7	105	96.3	0.61 (0.13-2.80)
	<b>Mean (SD)</b>	<b>Mean (SD)</b>		<b>Mean (SD)</b>		
Age (years)	57.0 (15.9)	47.6 (20.3)		57.4 (15.6)		
Duration of transfusion (months)	31 (38)	102 (81)		28 (31)		
No. of blood transfusions	7.7 (14.5)	34.7 (45.0)		6.5 (10.2)		

SD = standard deviation; OR = odds ratio; CI = confidence interval.