(n = 140)(n = 54)(n = 86)No. % No. % No. % Personal stigma Affected lifestyle 32 85 105 75 59 73 3.41 < 0.001 Feel lonely and isolated 52 37 26 48 26 30 2.14 0.02 Fear of transmission of virus 0.37 93 66 35 65 58 67 0.32 Stigma from family members

Female

93

96

84

29

70

69

52

76

81

82

71

43

77

69

51

79

94

95

93

57

90

80

59

92

z-value

0.37

0.27

1.74

3.06

2.9

1.59

0.86

2.62

Male

P-value

0.42

0.091

0.36

0.39

0.04

0.001

< 0.001

0.06

0.19

0.004

## Informed family members (brothers, sisters, parents) 137 98 53 98 84 98 0.19 Family members hesitant about 26 19 13 24 13 15 1.33

41

14

38

37

28

41

Table 2 Comparison of types of stigma experienced by male and female hepatitis B and C patients Total

sharing things (n = 137)Informed other relatives (cousins) 131 94 50 Informed friends 134 52 96

112

57

115

106

79

120

"Percentages of those who were married: total n -125; women n - 49; men n - 76.

90

46

82

76

56

86

Question

and friends

Stigma from spousea Informed spouse

Getting treatment

information

Satisfied with treatment

Doctors did not provide

Doctors showed normal attitude/behaviour

spouse

Change in relationship with

Stigma from health-care providers