

Table 3 Impact of knowledge about their disease status on relationships of hepatitis B and C patients with family members, other relatives and friends

Question	Family members		Relatives		Friends	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<i>Hesitant about eating, shaking hands or sitting with you? (n = 140)</i>						
Every time	8	6	13	9	6	4
Sometimes	21	15	19	14	14	10
Never	111	79	108	77	120	86
<i>Response of family after finding out about your disease? (n =137)</i>						
Worried	88	64	-	-	-	-
Asked for treatment	35	26	-	-	-	-
Started ignoring	14	10	-	-	-	-
<i>Response of relatives (n = 131) and friends (n = 134) after finding out about your disease?</i>						
Same as before	-	-	70	53	95	71
Sympathetic	-	-	29	22	27	20
Started ignoring	-	-	32	24	12	9