

Table 1 Basic characteristics of acute hepatitis cases recorded at hepatitis sentinel surveillance hospitals, Egypt, January 2001-June 2004

Characteristic	HAV (n = 1684)	HBC (n = 1256)	HCV (n = 1249)	Non-A, non-C (n = 1720)
<i>Median age (years)</i>				
Rural	4	25	42.5	23
Urban	14	30	46	35
Total (i/quartile range)	9 (4-15)	28 (22-40)	45 (36-53)	33 (22-46)
<i>Males (%)</i>	63	70	68	57
<i>Urban (%)</i>	54	76	88	84
<i>Mortality (%)</i>	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2

i/quartile = interquartile; HAV = hepatitis A virus; HBV = hepatitis B virus; HCV = hepatitis C virus.