

Table 2 Distribution of hepatitis B virus (HBV) genotypes in 45 patients with detectable serum HBV-DNA and correlation with biochemical and virological activity of disease

HBV genotype	Immigrants Origin tested		No.	Mean ALT	Mean (IU/L)	HBV DNA (copies/mL)
	No.	%				
E	20	44.4	Liberia	12	178	1 181 900
			Sudan	8		
D	14	31.1	Eritrea	4	167	878 831
			Sudan	4		
			Albania	6		
A	11	24.4	Eritrea	7	156	776 900
			Ethiopia	4		

Statistical analysis showed no significant correlation between biochemical and virological activity of the disease and the different HBV genotypes.

ALT = alanine aminotransferase.