

**Table 2 Association of liver abnormalities, spleen abnormalities and ascites with skin manifestations in patients with chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection**

| Variable       | HCV patients with skin manifestations (n = 37) |      | HCV patients without skin manifestations (n = 47) <sup>a</sup> |      | RR  | 95% CI   | P-value |
|----------------|--|------|--|------|-----|----------|---------|
|                | No.  | %    | No.  | %    |     |          |         |
| <b>Liver</b>   |  |      |  |      |     |          |         |
| Normal size    | 1  | 2.7  | 10   | 21.3 |     |          |         |
| Hepatomegaly   | 17   | 45.9 | 30   | 63.8 | 4.0 | 0.6–26.8 | 0.14    |
| Shrunken       | 19   | 51.4 | 7  | 14.9 | 8.0 | 1.2–50.9 | 0.0004  |
| <b>Spleen</b>  |  |      |  |      |     |          |         |
| Normal size    | 8  | 21.6 | 28   | 59.6 |     |          |         |
| Splenomegaly   | 28   | 75.7 | 18   | 38.3 | 2.7 | 1.4–5.3  | 0.0005  |
| <b>Ascites</b> |  |      |  |      |     |          |         |
| Absent         | 29   | 78.4 | 44   | 93.6 |     |          |         |
| Present        | 8  | 21.6 | 3  | 6.4  | 1.8 | 1.2–2.9  | 0.005   |

<sup>a</sup>1 patient without skin manifestations had had a splenectomy.

RR = relative risk; CI = confidence interval.