

Table 4 Association of liver abnormalities, spleen abnormalities and ascites with evident skin manifestations in patients with chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection

Variable	HCV patients with evident skin manifestations other than pruritus (n = 14)		HCV patients without skin manifestations (n = 47) ^a		RR	95% CI	P-value
	No.	%	No.	%			
Liver							
Normal size	1	7.1	10	21.3			
Hepatomegaly	5	35.7	30	63.8	1.6	0.2–12.1	0.99
Shrunken	8	57.1	7	14.9	5.9	0.9–40.3	0.03
Spleen							
Normal size	3	21.4	28	59.6			
Splenomegaly	10	71.4	18	38.3	3.7	1.1–12.1	0.01
Ascites							
Absent	9	64.3	44	93.6			
Present	5	35.7	3	6.4	3.7	1.7–8.2	0.01

^a1 patient without skin manifestations had had a splenectomy.

RR = relative risk; CI = confidence interval.