

Table 4 Helicobacter pylori positivity among endoscopy patients

Test	Patients with chronic liver disease No. (%)	Controls No. (%)
CLO ^a		
+ve	46 (58.2)	33 (41.8)
-ve	11 (61.1)	17 (38.9)
Salivary antibody ^b		
+ve	20 (36.4)	35 (63.6)
-ve	53 (81.5)	12 (18.5)
Serum antibody ^c		
+ve	7 (87.5)	1 (12.5)
-ve	25 (92.6)	2 (7.4)

^aP = 0.177; ^bP = 0.001; ^cP = 0.553.

CLO = Campylobacter-like organism test.

CLO was performed for a total of 97 patients (57 cases and 40 controls). Salivary samples were obtained from 120 patients (73 cases and 47 controls); of the remaining 44, 75% did not want to provide saliva samples, and the samples of the remaining 25% were excluded due to small (unusable) amounts. Only 35 patients agreed to provide blood samples (32 cases and 3 controls)..