

**Table 6 Hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection status of the study sample according to risk factors and risky behaviours**

Variable	HCV infection status				<i>P</i> -value <sup>a</sup>
	Negative ( <i>n</i> = 2699)		Positive ( <i>n</i> = 278)		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Dental procedure	1499	55.5	188	67.6	< 0.001
Surgical operation	908	33.6	123	44.2	0.001
Schistosomiasis treatment	430	15.9	109	39.2	< 0.001
Previous stitches	888	32.9	101	36.3	0.262
Contact with infected person	444	16.5	69	24.8	0.001
Shared shaving razor	347	12.9	57	20.5	0.001
Wet cupping	95	3.5	37	13.3	< 0.001
Blood transfusion	261	9.7	34	12.2	0.173
Endoscopic examination	137	5.1	28	10.1	0.001
Shared toothbrush	114	4.2	13	4.7	0.750
Contaminated needle-stick	104	3.9	18	6.5	0.043
Cauterization	42	1.6	12	4.3	0.003
Tattoo	22	0.8	6	2.2	0.041
Acupuncture	41	1.5	6	2.2	0.442
Suction tube	41	1.5	6	2.2	0.442
Extramarital sexual intercourse	19	0.7	1	0.4	0.501
Renal dialysis	16	0.6	4	1.4	0.114

<sup>a</sup>Fisher exact test.