

Table 4 Comparison between homeostatic model assessment-insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) scores at the start of therapy, after 12 weeks and after 48 weeks of therapy in the subgroup of patients with complete early virological response

Follow-up interval	HOMA-IR scores			Wilcoxon signed ranks test	
	Mean (SD)	Median	Min.-Max.	P_1	P_2
Pre-treatment ($n = 54$)	2.32 (2.35)	1.64	0.37-11.7	-	n/a
After 12 weeks therapy ($n = 54$)	2.20 (2.63)	1.39	0.20-15.1	0.081 ^a	-
After 48 weeks therapy ($n = 52$)	1.66 (1.61)	1.20	0.13-10.5	< 0.001 ^a	< 0.001 ^b
Friedman test	$\chi^2 = 27.038^c; P < 0.001$				

^aVersus pre-treatment; ^bVersus 12 weeks follow-up; ^cComparing groups.

SD = standard deviation.