

Table (1): Baseline data of the studied patients.

		Group 1 (n= 159)	Group 2 (n= 138)	Group 3 (n= 201)	Group 4 (n= 202)	P value
Age (years)	Range	21-60	22-70	18-70	19-70	0.564
	mean± SD	49.36 ± 9.19	54.58 ± 9.28	49.46 ± 11.40	50.25 ± 10.8	
Sex	Males N (%)	133 (83.6)	106 (76.8)	152 (75.6)	127 (62.9)	0.047
	Females N (%)	26 (16.4)	32 (23.2)	49 (24.4)	75 (37.1)	0.024
Treatment status	Naïve N (%)	120 (75.5)	114 (82.6)	163 (81.1)	187 (92.6)	0.030
	Experienced N (%)	39 (24.5)	24 (17.4)	38 (18.9)	15 (7.4)	0.642
Fibrosis stage (Fibroscan)	F0-2 N (%)	49 (30.8)	15 (10.9)	99 (49.3)	101 (50)	0.010
	F3-4 N (%)	110 (69.2)	123 (89.1)	102 (50.7)	101 (50)	0.441
	Cirrhotic liver	32 (20.1)	41 (28.9)	44 (21.8)	39 (19.3)	0.092
Laboratory data						
AST (U/L)		56.81±41.6	71.61±48.02	54.85±36.9	59.8±39.5	0.180
ALT (U/ml)		71.03±70.8	64.7±44.21	57.15±38.9	64.4±45.6	0.410
Total bilirubin (mg/dl)		0.77±0.27	1.05±0.56	0.82±0.44	0.92±0.52	0.332
Albumin (g/L)		4.25±0.45	3.8±0.51	4.13±0.56	4.01±0.55	0.630
Creatinine (mg/dl)		0.85±0.19	0.84±0.21	0.84±0.18	0.85±0.19	0.882
INR		0.9±0.27	1.0±0.15	0.9±0.3	0.95±0.1	0.738
Hb (g/dl)		14.74±1.57	13.66±1.81	14.09±1.86	13.56±1.7	0.692
WBC's (C/mm ³)		6.89±2.0	5.57±1.89	6.61±2.28	5.99±1.93	0.584
Platelets (C/mm ³)		198.7±46.5	122.27±55.1	181±67.09	188±77.8	0.039
HCV RNA (IU/ml)		1724399±3086862	1155007±2968751	1678010±2415389	1468920±2494531	0.028