

Table (1): Characteristics of the studied patients:

Variable	Group	No.	%
Gender	Males	45	52.94
	Females	40	47.06
Age (years)	Mean \pm SD; (range) 45.25 \pm 5.88; (34-60)		
Occupation	Farmers	43	50.59
Residence	Rural	43	50.59
	Urban	42	49.41
HCV Ab	Positive	80	94.1
HBs Ag	Positive	5	5.9
Child's classification	Child A	11	12.94
	Child B	14	16.47
	Child C	60	70.59
MELD score	Mean \pm SD 19.60 \pm 6.32		
uMELD	Mean \pm SD 4.02 \pm 0.76		
IGF-1 (ng/dl)	Mean \pm SD 201.22 \pm 90.96		
Upper endoscopic findings	Esophageal varices	58	68.24
	Gastric varices	28	32.94
	portal hypertensive gastropathy	58	68.24

HCV: Hepatitis C virus antibodies, HBsAg: Hepatitis B surface antigen, MELD:Model for end- stage liver disease, uMELD: Updated MELD, IGF-1: insulin growth factor-1, SD: standard deviation.