Table 5

Histological assessment of fibrosis

Metavir grade	Ishak stage	Histological findings
F0	0	Normal liver
F1	1	Presence of fibrosis ± septal growth within some of the portal areas
F2	2-3	Presence of fibrosis ± septal growth of most portal areas Ishak stage 3 is differentiated by the presence of occasional portal-to-portal bridging fibrosis
F3	4-5	Fibrous expansion of portal areas with marked portal-to-portal and portal-to-central bridging fibrosis Ishak stage 5 is defined by the presence of occasional nodules
F4	6	Cirrhosis