

Table (1): Grading and staging of HCV patients (Total no=50)

Grades of inflammatory activity according to	
Scheuer et al. ⁽²⁵⁾ :	
Minimal Grade (1)	2(4%)
Mild Grade (2)	30(60%)
Moderate Grade (3)	8(16%)
Severe Grade (4)	10(20%)
Stages of liver fibrosis according to Scheuer et al. ⁽²⁵⁾ :	
None (stage 0)	2(4%)
Mild (portal fibrosis; stage 1)	14(28%)
Moderate (periportal fibrosis; stage 2)	24(48%)
Severe (bridging fibrosis with lobular distortion; stage 3)	10(20%)

Table (2): Comparison between stages of fibrosis (0-1-2) versus stages (3) regarding PLTs count, PDGFR- β and TNF α expression.

	Stages (0-1-2)	Stage (3)	P-value
	N=40	N=10	
PLTs	280±100.88	237.2±133.83	0.23
PDGFR- β	6.7±13.6	9.2±2.7	0.04
TNF α	1.35±0.53	2.2±0.63	<0.0001

Significant P values are in Bold.

Table (3): Comparison between grades of necroinflammation regarding mean PLTs count, PDGFR- β and TNF α expression.

	Grades (1,2)	Grades (3,4)	P-value
	N=32	N=18	
PLTs	290.44±91.57	243.83±124.74	0.13
PDGFR- β	6.9±3.6	5.27±3.92	0.05
TNFα	1.19±0.39	2.12±0.6	<0.0001

Significant P values are in Bold.