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IGF-1 mRNA isoforms and IGF-1R mRNA expression in chronic hepatitis C

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Abstract

AIM: To evaluate the expression of different IGF-1 mRNA isoforms and IGF-1 receptor (IGF-1R) mRNA in hepatitis C virus (HCV)-infected livers.

METHODS: 34 liver biopsy specimens from CH-C patients were obtained before anti-viral therapy. Inflammatory activity (grading) and advancement of fibrosis (staging) were evaluated using a modified histologic scale of METAVIR. The samples

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