

Table 2: Serum Cu and Zn median (1st and 3rd quartile) concentrations of 40 patients with acute hepatitis and 150 healthy controls, overall and by sex.

	Overall		Acute hepatitis		Controls		
<u><i>Serum Cu (µg/dl)</i></u>	(n=190)		(n=40)		(n=150)		
	median	(Q1, Q3)	median	(Q1, Q3)	median	(Q1, Q3)	p ¹
Overall	119.5	(103; 142)	133.5	(94.5; 152.5)	118	(105; 135)	0.37
Sex							
Men	113	(99.5; 132.5)	130	(87; 152)	111	(100; 126)	0.54
Women	126	(114; 148)	138	(95; 156)	125	(115; 144)	0.60
p ²	<0,01		1.00		<0.01		
<u><i>Serum Zn (µg/dl)</i></u>	median	(Q1, Q3)	median	(Q1, Q3)	median	(Q1, Q3)	p ¹
Overall	78	(66; 92)	106.5	(80; 141)	74	(63; 85)	<0.01
Sex							
Men	84	(72; 100)	110.11	(89.5; 141)	80	(68; 91)	0.01
Women	72	(62; 82)	103.16	(72; 158)	71	(61; 80)	0.03
p ²	<0.01		0.16		<0.01		

The p-values are referred to two different tests; one for the comparison cases-controls (p¹) and the other for the comparison men-women (p²), Cu: Copper, Zn: Zinc, n: number.