

**Table 1:** Demographics of the 178 participants recruited in the study.

<b>Group</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>Gender (M/F)</b>	<b>Age (years)</b>
Hepatic steatosis	41	22/19	52.0 ± 12.4
Chronic hepatitis	50	21/29	55.6 ± 11.5
Hepatic cirrhosis	36	23/13	57.3 ± 11.2
Control	51	25/26	53.4 ± 12.5
Total	178	91/87	54.5 ± 12.0

Values for age are mean ± standard deviation, n =number, M =male, F =female.