**TABLE S1.** Comparison of the anti-HCV, HCV Ag and HCV RNA status in all samples.

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|  | **Anti-HCV (S/CO)** | | **HCV Ag (fmol/L)** | | **Combined Anti-HCV (S/CO) and HCV Ag (fmol/L)** | | **Total (%)b** |
| **HCV RNA status** | **≥ 5.0 (%)a** | **< 5.0 (%)a** | **≥ 3 (%)a** | **< 3 (%)a** | **≥ 5 & ≥ 3 (%)a** | **Others (%)a** |  |
| **Positive** | 222 (88.1) | 0 (0.0%) | 220 (100%) | 2 (2.9%) | 220 (100.0%) | 2 (0.9%) | 222 (76.6%) |
| **Negative** | 30 (11.9%) | 38 (100.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 68 (97.1%) | 0 (0.0%) | 68 (97.1%) | 68 (23.4%) |
| **Total (%)b** | 252 (86.9%) | 38 (13.1%) | 220 (75.9%) | 70 (24.1%) | 220(75.0%) | 70 (24.1%) | 290 (100.0%) |

aFrom a total of each category.

bFrom 290 samples.