**Supplementary Table 5. Detailed pathological data of studies included in this meta-analysis**

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| **Author (Year)** | **Necroinflammation grade** | **Fibrosis stage** | **Histology assessment** |
| Lai M32 (2007) | G 0/1/2/3/4: 3/36/18/2/0 | S0-4: 38/10/5/4/2 | Scheuer’s scoring system |
| Papatheodoridis G8 (2008) | HAI0-4/5-8/9-12/13-18: 52/40/18/3 | F0-1/2-3/4/5-6: 50/35/7/21 | Ishak scoring system |
| Kumar M33 (2008) | HAI <4/≥4: 62/69 | F0/1/2/3/4: 36/58/24/11/2 | Knodell and Metavir |
| Nguyen MH30 (2009) | G0/1/2/3/4: 2/77/20/2/0 | S0-4: 6/65/26/4/0 | Scheuer’s scoring system |
| Chen EQ36 (2010) | G0-1/2-3/4: 74/67/0 | S0-1/2-4: 94/47 | Scheuer’s scoring system |
| Gui HL34 (2010) | HAI<4/≥4: 197/55 | F<3/≥3: 212/40 | Ishak scoring system |
| Montazeri G38 (2010) | HAI<4/≥4: 79/53 | F<2/≥2: 92/40 | Knodell and metavir |
| Sanai FM28 (2011) | A0-1/2/3: 71/33/4 | F0-1/2/3/4 76/25/6/1 | Metavir |
| Lesmana CR31 (2011) | A0-1/2-3:46/57 | F0-1/2-4: 47/56 | Metavir |
| Alam S37 (2011) | HAI<4/≥4: 86/79/16/0 | F0-4: 12/133/3/31/2 | Knodell and metavir |
| Liao BL5 (2013) | A0/1/2/3: 8/126/6/0 | F0/1/2/3/4: 12/69/52/7/0 | Metavir |
| Wan RJ27 (2015) | G0/1/2/3/4: 0/79/36/10/0 | S0-4: 4/83/20/15/3 | Scheuer’s scoring system |
| Gong XQ35 (2015) | G0-1/2-4 87/13 | S0-1/2-4: 63/37 | Scheuer’s scoring system |
| Tan YW7 (2015) | HAI0-3/4-6/7-9/10-14: 47/55/11/0 | F0/1/2/3/0: 36/67/9/1/0 | Knodell scoring system |
| Ormeci A29 (2016) | HAI<6/≥6: 102/18 | F0/1/2/3/4/5/6: 38/39/38/2/3/0/0 | Ishak scoring system |
| Zhou JY24 (2017) | HAI0–4/≥5: 123/70 | F0-2/≥3: 130/63 | Ishak scoring system |
| Tan YW6 (2017) | HAI0-3/4-6/7-9/10-14: 35/44/15/1 | F 0/1/2/3: 32/40/21/2 | Knodell scoring system |
| Xing YF26 (2018) | HAI0/1-4/5-8/9-12/13-18: 52/266/112/19/6 | F0-1/2/3/4/5/6: 273/136/24/16/5/1 | Ishak scoring system |
| Xu ZJ25 (2018) | G0-4: 17/79/11/2/0 | S0-4: 17/69/12/8/3 | Scheuer’s scoring system |