

**Table 1.** Patients' demographics, main clinical and biochemical characteristics at baseline.

Variable	NAFLD-HBV		NAFLD		p-value
	N	Percentage (%)	N	Percentage (%)	
<i>Sex (M/F)</i>	67/49	57.8/42.2	208/194	51.7/48.3	0.291
<i>Smoking (yes)</i>	34	29.3%	115	28.6%	0.906
<i>BMI&gt;25 (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)</i>	71	61.2%	299	74.4%	0.007
<i>Hypertension (yes)</i>	47	40.5%	153	38.1%	0.665
<i>Diabetes Mellitus (yes)</i>	33	28.4%	103	25.6%	0.551
<i>Dyslipidemia (yes)</i>	80	68.9%	293	72.9%	0.413
Variable	Median	IQR	Median	IQR	p-value
<i>Age (years)</i>	53	44.5-63.5	53	42-61	0.746
<i>AST (U/L)</i>	40	24.5-55	36	25-58	0.783
<i>ALT (U/L)</i>	45.5	29-79	54.5	31-81.5	0.208
<i>γ-GT (U/L)</i>	33.5	19-75	55	29-109	<0.001
<i>ALP (U/L)</i>	114.5	87-180	98	70-160	0.023
<i>Total Bilirubin (mg/dL)</i>	0.7	0.52-0.9	0.7	0.5-1.0	0.876
<i>Direct Bilirubin (mg/dL)</i>	0.2	0.105-0.3	0.2	0.11-0.22	0.442
<i>Urea (mg/dL)</i>	33	25-40.5	33	28-39	0.710
<i>Creatinine (mg/dL)</i>	0.9	0.8-1.0	0.9	0.8-1.0	0.862
<i>Fasting glucose (mg/dL)</i>	95	87.5-114	101	92-114	0.060
<i>Cholesterol (mg/dL)</i>	216	191.5-244.5	215	187-245	0.957
<i>LDL-cholesterol (mg/dL)</i>	140	102-156	132.5	109.5-161.3	0.737
<i>HDL-cholesterol (mg/dL)</i>	51	41-60	48	40-58.5	0.572
<i>Triglycerides (mg/dL)</i>	126	93.5-173.5	136	100-187	0.225
<i>Hb (g/dL)</i>	14	13-15	14	13.1-15.3	0.330
<i>Plt (cells/μL)</i>	212	172-265	226	190-270.5	0.041
<i>INR</i>	1.0	1.0-1.14	1.0	0.955-1.065	0.028
<i>aFP (ng/ml)</i>	3.3	2.07-5.27	2.9	2.1-4.3	0.101
<i>Liver Stiffness (kPa)</i>	7.4	6/65-12.05	8.1	5.85-10.15	0.685
<i>Weight (kg)</i>	81	70-93.5	83	72-92	0.522
<i>BMI</i>	28.6	25-31.6	29.1	26.6-31.93	0.176

NAFLD: non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, HBV: hepatitis B virus, N: number of patients, M/F: male/female, IQR: interquartile range, AST: aspartate aminotransferase, ALT: alanine aminotransferase, γ-GT: Gamma-Glutamyl Transferase, ALP: Alkaline phosphatase, LDL: low-density lipoprotein, HDL: LDL high-density lipoprotein, Hb: hemoglobin, Plt: platelets, INR: International normalized ratio, aFP: alpha-fetoprotein, BMI: body mass index