

Table 1: Stages of chronic HBV infection, classified by the presence of HBeAg, HBV DNA levels, ALT values and the existence or absence of liver inflammation.

	HBeAg positive		HBeAg negative	
	Chronic infection	Chronic hepatitis	Chronic infection	Chronic hepatitis
HBsAg	High	High/intermediate	Low	Intermediate
HBeAg	+	+	-	-
HBV DNA	>10 ⁷ IU/ml	10 ⁴ -10 ⁷ IU/ml	<2.000 IU/ml	>2.000 IU/ml
ALT	Normal	Elevated	Normal	Elevated
Liver disease	None or minimal	Moderate/severe	None	Moderate/severe

Abbreviations: HBeAg, hepatitis B e-antigen; HBV, hepatitis B virus; ALT, alanine aminotransferase