

Table 2. Characteristics of study populations in articles selected to estimate prevalence rates of HCV infection in haemodialysis patients in Brazil

Author (year)	Population or sample (% refusals)	Age (in years)			Duration of haemodialysis in months (central tendency)	Lifetime blood transfusion (%)
		Central tendency	Min	Max		
de Oliveira et al. 2001	Pop. from 1 clinic (NI)	-	-	-	-	-
Carneiro et al .2005 a	Pop. from 8 clinics (NI)	42.2	-	-	32.9*	-
Carneiro et al .2005 b	Pop. from 10 clinics (NI)	43.3	-	-	28.0*	-
	Pop. from 22 clinics					
Carrilho et al. 2004	(0%)	47.1	14	86	32.1	64.9
	Pop. from 12 clinics					
de Medeiros et al. 2004	(0%)	43.5	10	86	-	90.7
Moreira et al. 2003	Pop de 2 clinics (NI)	-	18	-	-	-
Carneiro et al. 2001	Pop. from 8 clinics (0%)	46.1	9	70	-	-
Carvalho et al .1999	Pop. from 1 clinic (NI)	49.8	-	-	41.4	-
Carneiro et al .2005 c	Pop. from 8 clinics (NI)	45.3	-	-	40.8*	-
Busek et al. 2002	Pop. from 2 clinics (NI)	-	-	-	-	-
Callegaro et al .2006 a	Pop. from 1 clinic (NI)	-	-	-	-	-
Dotta et al. 2003	Pop. from 3 clinics (NI)	56.5	-	-	48.6	52.3
Choi et al. 2003	Pop. from 1 clinic (NI)	50.3	-	-	49.6	-
Souza et al. 2003	Pop. from 1 clinic (0%)	47.6	13	82	23.5*	96.0
Carneiro et al. 2007	Pop de 15 clinics (0%)	49.3	3	97	30.8*	82.2
de Albuquerque et al. 2005	Pop. from 1 clinic (3%)	46.0	17	92	52.3*	64.4
Florentino. G.S.A. 2004	Pop. from 4 clinics (NI)	46.2	12	84	29.0	44.1
Santos & Souto. 2007	Pop. from 6 clinics (NI)	50.0	-	-	43.0	84.1
Silva et al. 2006	Pop. from 10 clinics (NI)	-	-	-	-	-
Bessa et al. 2009	Pop. from 1 clinic (0%)	-	-	-	-	-
Freitas et al. 2008	Sample, 5 clinics (NI)	48.0	13	83	40.9*	80.4
Galperim et al. 2010	Pop. from 4 clinics (NI)	54.4	22	90	56.3	76.0
Callegaro et al .2006 b	Pop. from 1 clinic (NI)	-	-	-	-	-
Maia et al. 2009	Pop de 1 clinic (NI)	-	-	-	-	-
Leão et al .2010	Pop. from 1 clinic (0%)	55.1	-	-	46.2	74.0
da Silva et al. 2013	Pop. from 2 clinics (NI)	56.9	18	-	55.1	94.3
Fontenele et al. 2015	Pop. from 2 clinic (12%)	49.0	11	84	40.0	32.9
Rodrigues de Freitas et al. 2013	Pop de 7 clinics (1%)	49.0	18	88	40.7*	-

Santos. R.F.S. et al. 2017	Pop. from 4 clinics (5%)	47.9**	18	-	47.1**	-
Vidales-Braz et al. 2015	Pop. from 3 clinics (NI)	-	-	-	-	-
Barbosa JR et al .2017	Pop. from 1 clinic (NI)	48.0	18	-	-	62.9
Cordeiro. V.M et al 2018	Pop. from 4 clinics (7%)	53.4	18	90	38.7*	76.3

Footnote: NI – not informed; * median calculated via linear interpolation of accumulated distribution of time in dialysis; ** weighted mean of medians