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| **Table S2: Univariate analysis of 60 patients from Validation group according to the severity of liver disease.**  |
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| **Data** | **F<2 (N=43)** | **F≥2 (N=17)** | **P** |
| **Age (years)** | 44.2 ± 7.8 | 49.3 ± 9.1 | 0.034043 |
| **Gender (female/male)** | 9/34 | 2/15 | 0.408354 |
| **Platelets (109/L)** | 216.0 ± 66.5 | 295.6 ± 396.7 | 0.208681 |
| **AST (IU/L)** | 86.6 ± 76.4 | 122.5 ± 83.0 | 0.116856 |
| **ALT (IU/L)** | 95.2 ± 86.6 | 87.1 ± 58.7 | 0.724900 |
| **γGT (IU/L)** | 358.9 ± 336.0 | 706.0 ± 606.4 | 0.006378 |
| **Bilirubin (μmol/L)** | 9.5 ± 5.9 | 17.7 ± 15.1 | 0.003239 |
| **OPN (ng/mL)** | 35.6 ± 14.6 | 76.8 ± 54.1 | 0.000021 |
| **BMI (kg/m2)** | 24.4 ± 4.5 | 25.4 ± 5.2 | 0.450423 |
| Patients were classified according to Fibrosis (F) <2 or ≥2. Quantitative results are expressed as means ± standard deviations. AST: aspartate amino-tranferase; ALT: alanine amino-transferase; γGT: Gamma Glutamyl Transpeptidase; OPN: Osteopontin. |
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