

Table 2. Baseline characteristics of the non-NASH and NASH patients

Parameter	Non-NASH (n=186)	NASH (n=163)	P-value
<b>Clinical and laboratory parameters</b>			
Age (years)	43.4 ± 12.1	36.6 ± 12.0	<0.001
Male (%)	151 (81.2%)	116 (71.2%)	0.028
Diabetes (%)	57 (30.7%)	53 (32.5%)	0.708
Hypertension (%)	68 (36.6%)	54 (33.1%)	0.503
Waist circumference (cm)	91.6 ± 8.4	92.8 ± 9.0	0.189
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.3 ± 3.1	27.3 ± 3.5	0.006
RBC (10 <sup>12</sup> /L)	5.0 ± 0.5	5.0 ± 0.6	0.129
Hemoglobin (g/L)	148.1 ± 13.8	149.1 ± 14.4	0.477
WBC (10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	6.1 ± 1.5	6.3 ± 1.4	0.343
PLT (10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	237.9 ± 58.7	246.9 ± 58.6	0.155
ALT (U/L)	58.1 ± 64.7	106.0 ± 80.8	<0.001
AST (U/L)	37.7 ± 24.0	59.5 ± 35.6	<0.001
GGT (U/L)	69.5 ± 89.4	86.4 ± 113.0	0.122
Albumin (g/L)	46.3 ± 3.6	46.8 ± 4.4	0.259
Uric acid (μmol/L)	384.6 ± 86.2	418.7 ± 116.7	0.002
Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	4.9 ± 1.2	5.3 ± 1.1	<0.001
HDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	1.0 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.2	0.616
LDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	2.9 ± 0.9	3.3 ± 0.9	<0.001
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	2.2 ± 1.4	2.4 ± 1.5	0.119
HbA1c (%)	6.0 ± 1.3	6.1 ± 1.2	0.959
Fasting glucose (mmol/L)	5.5 ± 1.3	5.8 ± 1.7	0.053
<b>Noninvasive markers</b>			
CK18 M30 (U/L)	199.4 ± 262.6	461.3 ± 645.7	<0.001
CK18 M65 (U/L)	346.8 ± 854.6	762.5 ± 1087.6	<0.001
<b>PNPLA3 I148M polymorphism</b>			0.038
CC	57 (32.0%)	37 (24.2%)	
CG	85 (47.8%)	67 (43.8%)	
GG	36 (20.2%)	49 (32.0%)	

Categorical values are shown as n (%). Continuous variables are shown as mean ± SD