

**Table 2:** Population characteristics of the endoscopy population (n=89).

Characteristic	Endoscopy population (n=89)	OV absent (n=71)	OV present (n=18)	p
<b>Population characteristics</b>				
Median age [years (IQR)]	61 (53–70)	57 (51–67)	67 (57–71)	0.04*
Sex [n (%)]				
Male	55 (61.8)	47 (66.2)	8 (44.4)	0.11
Female	34 (38.2)	24 (33.8)	10 (55.6)	0.11
Ethnicity [n (%)]				
European	39 (43.8)	30 (42.3)	9 (50.0)	0.43
Māori	13 (14.6)	10 (14.1)	3 (16.7)	1.00
Pacific	12 (13.5)	10 (14.1)	2 (11.1)	1.00
Asian	21 (23.6)	19 (26.8)	2 (11.1)	0.12
Other	4 (4.5)	2 (2.8)	2 (11.1)	1.00
Aetiology [n (%)]				
Hepatitis B virus	18 (20.2)	16 (22.5)	2 (11.1)	0.35
Hepatitis C virus	11 (12.4)	10 (14.1)	1 (5.6)	0.45
Alcohol	19 (21.3)	10 (14.1)	9 (50.0)	0.002**
Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease	27 (30.3)	24 (33.8)	3 (16.7)	0.25
Other	14 (15.7)	11 (15.5)	3 (16.7)	1.00
Median BMI [(IQR)]	28.7 (24.5–33.5)	28.2 (24.3–33.4)	30.3 (26.0–35.0)	0.37
Beta-blocker use [n (%)]	19 (21.3)	14 (19.7)	5 (27.8)	0.52
<b>SWE</b>				
Median SWE score [kPa (IQR)]	14.3 (11.1–18.4)	13.5 (11.0–16.6)	21.5 (14.8–33.7)	0.002**
Fibrosis stage [n (%)]				
F3 equivalent	37 (41.6)	34 (47.9)	3 (16.7)	0.80
F4 equivalent	52 (58.4)	37 (52.1)	15 (83.3)	0.80
Median interval between SWE and endoscopy [days (IQR)]	105 (29–200)	110 (39–191)	54 (7–220)	0.10
<b>Biochemistry [median (IQR)]</b>				
ALT (U/L)	34 (24–53)	34 (21–82)	63 (22–141)	0.85
AST (U/L)	41 (26–59)	43 (30–56)	59 (34–160)	0.17
ALP (U/L)	111 (79–167)	99 (74–165)	110 (78–265)	0.21
GGT (U/L)	108 (53–204)	82 (35–223)	151 (27–865)	0.32
Total bilirubin (micromol/L)	12 (8–21)	9 (7–25)	14 (10–36)	0.09
Albumin (g/L)	36 (31–39)	34 (32–40)	25 (21–32)	0.001**
Prothrombin ratio	1 (1–1.1)	1.0 (1–1.2)	1.1 (1.10–1.2)	0.11
Platelet count (x10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	185 (128–254)	206 (128–264)	146 (73–192)	0.01*
Haemoglobin (g/L)	130 (112–146)	119 (102–138)	122 (105–142)	0.08
Sodium (millimol/L)	139 (137–141)	140 (137–142)	137(136–139)	0.27
Creatinine (micromol/L)	84 (67–98)	89 (71–106)	80 (62–93)	0.43
MELD Score	7.5 (6–10)	8.0 (6.0–9.5)	8.0 (6.8–11.5)	0.55

Abbreviations: OV (oesophageal varices), p (probability value), IQR (interquartile range), n (number), BMI (body mass index), SWE (shear wave elastography), LSM (liver stiffness measurement), kPa (kilopascal), F3 (fibrosis stage 3), F4 (fibrosis stage 4), ALT (alanine aminotransferase), AST (aspartate aminotransferase), ALP (alkaline phosphatase), GGT (gamma glutamyl transferase), MELD (model of end-stage liver disease). \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.0.