**Supplementary Table 5**. Prediction of response according to speed of response. Full biochemical and clinical evolutionary events and data during follow-up were available in 369 patients.

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| RAPID RESPONDERS BY AST DECLINE (n = 106) |
|  | Univariate analysis | P value | Multivariate Analysis | P value |
| Biochemical response at 6 months | 1.55 (95% CI 0.92 – 2.62) | 0.101 | 2.31 (95% CI 1.13 – 4.72) | 0.021 |
| Biochemical response at 12 months | 1.23 (95% CI 0.71 – 2.17) | 0.457 | 1.57 (95% CI 0.74 – 3.32) | 0.234 |
| RAPID RESPONDERS BY ALT DECLINE (n = 85) |
| Biochemical response at 6 months | 2.45 (95% CI 1.48 - 4.05) | <0.001 | 2.89 (95% CI 1.56 – 5.39) | 0.001 |
| Biochemical response at 12 months | 2.08 (95% CI 1.21 – 3.57) | 0.008 | 2.45 (95% CI 1.26 – 4.79) | 0.008 |
| RAPID RESPONDERS BY COMBINED ALT AND AST DECLINE (n = 74) |
| Biochemical response at 6 months | 2.39 (95% CI 1.41 – 4.06) | 0.001 | 3.26 (95% CI 1.65 – 6.42) | 0.001 |
| Biochemical response at 12 months | 2.06 (95% CI 1.16 – 3.64) | 0.013 | 2.71 (95% CI 1.31 – 5.63) | 0.007 |

AST: Aspartate aminotransferase; ALT: Alanine aminotransferase