Table 1 Natural history of chronic HBV infection(Chinese Society of Hepatology, 2022; Jung & Nguyen, 2023; Zhuang, 2022)

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| Variable | Chronic infection |  | Chronic hepatitis |
| HBeAg positive | HBeAg negative |  | HBeAg positive | HBeAg negative |
| HBsAg | High | Low |  | High / Medium | Medium |
| HBeAg | Positive | Negative |  | Positive | Negative |
| HBV DNA | >107 IU/ml | <2000 IU/ml |  | 104-107 IU/ml | >2000 IU/ml |
| ALT | Normal | Normal |  | Increase | Increase continuously or intermittently |
| Hepatic lesions | None/ Mild | None |  | Moderate/Severe | Moderate/Severe |