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 |