

Supplementary table S1: Comparison of previous and current treatment (n = 51-53), means and standard deviations

	Previous treatment	Current treatment (EoT)	Statistics
During HCV treatment, ...			
I was much bothered by side-effects	1.46 (0.96)	3.54 (0.87)	t (51) = -13.00; p < .001
I felt exhausted and weak	1.56 (1.00)	3.17 (1.08)	t (51) = -9.17; p < .001
I was sad all the time and could not stop it	2.08 (1.12)	3.62 (0.84)	t (52) = -9.37; p < .001
I got done less than I wanted	1.69 (1.01)	3.25 (1.04)	t (50) = -7.90; p < .001
I had problems thinking straight	2.16 (1.19)	3.45 (0.97)	t (50) = -6.16; p < .001

Notes: Response options: 1 – yes, 2 – Rather yes, 3 – rather no, 4 – no. In 50 of these 53 patients, previous HCV treatment was interferon-based.

Supplementary Table S2. Self-constructed questionnaire on fatigue, concentration and memory (relating to past 7 days)

1	I have problems thinking straight
2	I feel exhausted and weak
3	I have problems starting things because I am tired
4	I have problems finishing things because I am tired
5	I am too tired to eat
6	I am frustrated, because I am too tired to do things I would like
7	I have problems concentrating
8	I have problems remembering where I put things
9	I have problems memorizing new things
10	I am forgetting important personal data
11	I have problems following a conversation with several people
12	When I read a newspaper article or listen to a story, I quickly forget its content

Note: The exploratory factor analyses supported the division into two subscales: one subscale for fatigue, and one subscale for concentration and memory. The subscale “fatigue” includes the items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, with Cronbach’s alpha = .895. The subscale “concentration and memory” includes the items 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, with Cronbach’s alpha = .895. The total 12-item scale has an internal consistency of .91 (Cronbach’s alpha at t_0 , $n = 322$). A 3-factor model was not supported. Across all measurement points, internal consistencies of the scales were comparable, and factor analyses supported a 2-factor model.