

## **Cover letter**

Dear Editors of World Journal of Gastroenterology/Hepatology,

We appreciate the comments of the reviewers and thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript "Advances in hepatitis C therapy: What is the current state – what come's next?" accordingly. Unfortunately we did not receive any meaningful response on our request: After four months of reviewing process we have received three excellent/very good reviewer comments with the recommendation to accept the manuscript. With great surprise with have read that the editorial office of the WJG was declining this invited review article without giving any further explanation and moved it forward to WJH. Maybe you would be so kind to write a meaningful answer to our request.

Below we give our statements to the reviewer's requests:

### **Reviewer 1:**

We added data about some difficult to treat populations such as cirrhotics, HIV-HCV co-infected, recurrent HCV-infection after liver transplantation and patients with renal impairment.

### **Reviewer 2:**

We use the abbreviation for HCV through the manuscript and reorganized reference 37. "Literature" was changed to "References".

### **General remarks:**

We have revised the manuscript and answered the reviewers. The signed copyright assignment is enclosed and an audio core tip was made. We have added the conflict-of interest statement on the first page of manuscript. A Google Scholar and cross check was done. Finally the manuscript has been revised by a professional language editing service.

Yours sincerely,

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