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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 21335-review.doc).

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:
1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

We thank the Editor and the reviewers for all their comments that are addressed in the revised manuscript:

We have made revisions according to the comments of Reviewer's code: 02860966:

1. We further clarified the impact of chronic HCV on liver and peripheral insulin resistance based on the 2 published studies (page 7) and added reference 23.
2. Regarding the comment on the current role of interferon based therapy. We agree with the reviewer that In the next few years, daily pan-genotype therapy will be available for curing HCV hepatitis. However, in the meantime interferon therapy is still a recommended option for genotypes 2-6 and also for type 1 in those cases where cost is a significant constraining factor. We have added a relevant section in page 16 and references 73-76.

Editors' comments:

1. A vocal Core Tip was added.
2. All headings were inserted as suggested and are highlighted.
3. A separate Conflict of Interest statement is added.
4. We provided all PMID and DOI data. For the 8 references that do not have these data we add a file containing their title pages.
5. Dr Malnick my co-author was born in England and attended Oxford University and London University for his medical training. He went over the whole manuscript and approved its style and grammar.
6. We did not perform the CrossCheck analysis as we do not have this program available (it costs money to download it). As our work is original we hope this is not necessary.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hepatology*.

Sincerely yours,

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