

Dear Editor,

we would like to thank you and the reviewers for your time and effort in evaluating our review manuscript, and for the positive comments and constructive criticisms.

Accordingly to them, we have addressed all the issues raised and revised the manuscript. In the new version of the manuscript, we included a new table, which summarizes the components of lipoprotein metabolism that play a role in HCV life cycle, and inserted new sentences and references for the impact of HCV genotypes on lipoprotein metabolism (page 10-11).

We hope that this new version of the manuscript is now suitable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Best regards,

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Answering Reviewers

Reviewed 02527569

This review article is basically well-written.

Please provide figure legends to Figure 1.

Also, some additional figures or tables will be helpful for the readers to understand the contents easily.

ANSWER: We are grateful to the reviewer for the positive comments about our manuscript.

Caption to figure 1 has been inserted.

A table (Table 1) listing the name and the putative function that components of lipoprotein metabolism play in HCV life cycle has been inserted.

Reviewed by 02528478

The paper by Grassi et al, summarize the current knowledge concerning the interplay between HCV and lipoprotein metabolism. The manuscript is well written and is acceptable for publication although there is no mention about the impact of other HCV genotypes (except for 1 and 3) on lipoprotein metabolism.

It would be preferable to add few more sentences and to mention it (Abid K, Pazienza V, de Gottardi A, Rubbia-Brandt L, Conne B, Pugnale P, Rossi C, Mangia A, Negro F. An in vitro model of hepatitis C virus genotype 3a-associated triglycerides accumulation. J Hepatol. 2005 May;42(5):744-51, and Ripoli M, Pazienza V. Impact of HCV genetic differences on pathobiology of disease. Expert Rev Anti Infect Ther. 2011 Sep;9(9):747-59.)

ANSWER: We thank the reviewer for his/her appreciation for our review.

As suggested, we have now discussed more extensively about the influence of HCV genotypes on lipoprotein metabolism, inserting new sentences and references in the section "HCV replication and lipoproteins" (page 10-11).