

Dear Reviewers,

We much appreciate your feedback. We have tried to address your suggestions to the best possible extent and hope you find these revisions satisfactory.

Reviewer's code: 03262371

Dear editor Many thanks for your invitation regarding peer review of manuscript entitled "Hepatitis C virus: promising discoveries and new treatments" which is a review article focusing on new treatment strategies of hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection. I think this informative review can be accepted after considering the following comment. Authors should provide more information about following issues in their paper: 1- Effect of existence of occult type of HCV infection and new treatment strategies <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26834794>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26734487> 2- Please use of following references for mentioning of the cardiovascular complication of HCV as one of its extra hepatic manifestation <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26386298> 3- Newly FDA approved treatment regimen (grazoprevir and elbasvir) in Patients with chronic kidney. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26902648> 4- Cost of new treatment strategies
Regards Reviewer

Answer:

All the suggestions were considered relevant and all were accepted. All the references suggested were included in the manuscript. We thank the reviewer's suggestions.

Reviewer's code: 00227665

This article describes and summarizes current approved treatments against HCV with their limitations. In addition, the authors review emerging substances that could substitute and/or be combined with the current therapeutic agents against HCV. This review was written very concisely and informatively and deserves to be published as its current format except some typos and grammatical errors.

Answer:

We thank the reviewer for the kind comment. A linguistic revision by a native English speaker was performed in revised manuscript and the language certificate was provided.

Reviewer's code: 00742222

The paragraph related to the description of the virus itself is longer than necessary. The description of the new DAA treatments could be explained with more details.



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Answer:

The entire section on the virus description was revised, and were only kept the most important information. The description of the new DAA treatments was explained with more details.