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**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

**Manuscript NO:** 41605

**Title:** HCV, atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease: what impact of direct-acting antiviral treatments?

**Reviewer’s code:** 03846820

**Reviewer’s country:** Netherlands

**Science editor:** Xue-Jiao Wang

**Date sent for review:** 2018-08-22

**Date reviewed:** 2018-08-22

**Review time:** 11 Hours

SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer’s expertise on the topic of the manuscript:
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Dear author, The paper represents an invited editorial with a focus on an impact of HCV and associated treatment including antiviral agents for CVD. The article is written with the good English-speaking adduction of the arguments. The article is sufficiently novel



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and very interesting to warrant publication. All the key elements are presented and described clearly. The most discussable options in the article are: 1) Please harmonize your abstract polishing your way of the English-speaking expression and emphasizing the main idea 2) There is still a question in case of carotid lesions, did HCV accelerate or attenuate atherosclerotic progress. Would you please kindly elaborate this ideas, and discuss how is that disturbing for coronaries or cerebral arteries. 3) Please correct all your typos throughout the manuscript. For instance, "demonstrated" on page 7 and so on

#### **INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT**

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**Reviewer's country:** Mexico

**Science editor:** Xue-Jiao Wang

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. It is a quality Editorial. 2. Reference number 27 is incomplete. Review all. 3. Cite the references in a uniform manner and according to the guidelines of the journal.



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**Title:** HCV, atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease: what impact of direct-acting antiviral treatments?

**Reviewer’s code:** 02539326

**Reviewer’s country:** Italy

**Science editor:** Xue-Jiao Wang

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**Review time:** 22 Days

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors summarised the available data about cardiovascular and metabolic effects of HCV clearance by DAAs treatment. Some notes: some concepts are repeated through the text and could be synthetized. In the evaluation of atherosclerosis development long



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term, the increase of cholesterol levels after DAAs treatment should have an important role. The author should specify this and report at least one reference (Meissner, Gitto...).

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