

Reviewer	Comment	Response
1.	<p>I reviewed the manuscript titled "Accelerating the Elimination of Hepatitis C in Kuwait: An Expert Opinion". It summarized experts' opinion on how to eradicate HCV infection in Kuwait. As compared to what has been done or is currently done in/by some countries it is not enough ambitious. For example whereas three quarters of the population is non-Kuwaiti citizens, i.e. they are imported labourers or expatriates these categories of persons will not be tested. It is also not clear whether DAA therapy will be provided for free for all HCV RNA (+) persons. The text is too wordy. References 61 and 62 in the text do not match with those from the reference section.</p>	<p>It is mentioned in the manuscript that the patients with HCV infection are provided free treatment. However, it is not mentioned in the available literature if DAA therapy is provided for free or not. We have included a paragraph highlighting the DAA regimes followed in Kuwait and mentioned that access to these and cost is a barrier. Thanks. We have corrected the reference. Thanks</p>
2.	<p>It is good manuscript</p>	<p>Thanks</p>
3.	<p>This paper introduced the strategy and recommendations for accelerating the elimination of HCV in Kuwait. This is helpful to realize the WHO strategy to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030. And It also has reference value to other countries. So, it is deserved to be published.</p> <p>Minor revision 1、 As the availability of DAAs is the key factors to eliminate HCV infection. Please add the related information of DAAs that can be got in Kuwait, such as the name, type, price, etc. 2. Discovery is a precursor to therapy. Please add more detailed HCV screening methods in Kuwait.</p>	<p>We have included a paragraph highlighting various DAA regimes used in Kuwait. However, their price related detail is not available. Thanks</p> <p>We have already included the screening framework in Kuwait in the manuscript. A new paragraph highlighting the proposed screening approach has been included. There is limited data available regarding the same. Thanks.</p>