

**Response to Reviewers by Nada M. Melhem (PhD)**

**Name of journal:** *World Journal of Hepatology*

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**Title:** HIV and Viral Hepatitis among High-Risk Groups: Understanding the Knowledge Gap in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region

**Comment 1: Signed PDF Conflict of interest Statement**

Response: We have provided a separate document whereby the corresponding author signed the conflict of interest declaration.

**Commnet 2: Audio Core Tip**

Response: An audio taping has been provided as requested.

**Comments 3 through 12: Websites corresponding to references**

Response: We have attended to the above request; whereby websites (links) are added and the changes underlined. Comment WJH9 regarding reference 47, we have cited this reference from Des Jarlais DC (2013) (Reference 48 in our review) since we were not able to access a corresponding website to the data cited from the Iranian Ministry of Health as per the former.