

Dear editors and reviewers:

Thank you very much for your careful review and constructive suggestions with regard to our manuscript '**MicroRNA-mediated interactions between host and hepatitis C virus**' (ESPS-21451).

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

Reviewer #12216

Li et al carry out a comprehensive, concise and perfectly structured review about the role of miRNA in HCV pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment. The authors tackle a current hot-topic that will be of great interest for most Hepatologists and easy to read.

RESPONSE: We appreciate the reviewer's positive feedback.

Reviewer #13213

Your manuscript illuminates an important recently appreciated item, that is the competitive viral and host RNA cross regulation. The manuscript reviewed multiple mechanisms by which miRNAs can regulates HCV RNAs and how it can control pathology of the liver in HCV infections. However, through the manuscript you have not stressed the most significant and important miRNAs that can influence its targets. This may be evident in your table (1), where you have stressed some miRNAs and you have illustrated its clinical impact, this can be viewed through the manuscript also.

RESPONSE: We thank the reviewer's constructive suggestion. As you suggested, we add some targets and the significances of miRNAs in this text to stress the most significant and important miRNAs, so all contents in table 1 can also be viewed more completely in the text. The order of arrangement for miRNAs in table 1 is changed in accordance with their presence in the text, and minor languages are also improved. The revised portion is marked with red in this revised manuscript.

We appreciate for your warm work again, and hope that this version will be suitable for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Thanks and Best regards!

Yours Sincerely,

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