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Response to Reviewers

Reviewer 1 – Clinical significance of H63 Mutation etc. We believe our statement is correct. A comprehensive study from this centre showed that the H63D mutation resulted in increased levels of serum ferritin and transferrin saturation but not significant liver disease. (see reference below). We mention cofactors with compound heterozygotes. The 24 subunit protein has been corrected.

Gochee, P.A., **Powell, L.W.**, Cullen D.J. and Olynyk J. (2002) A population-based study of the biochemical expression of the H63D haemochromatosis mutation. *Gastroenterology* 122(3):646-651.

Reviewer 2 - Figure 1 and Table 1 have been corrected

Reviewer 3 – The major relevant references have been incorporated. We believe the paper will be useful to learners as well as specialist readers.