

Conflict-of-interest statement

We, the consortium of the research project: **Impact of HCV core mutations on the response to interferon-based treatment in chronic hepatitis C** - Investigators: Camelia Sultana MD, PhD, Gabriela Opreșan, PhD, Monica Delia Teleman, MD, PhD, Sorin Dinu, PhD, Cristian Oprea, MD, PhD, Mihai Voiculescu, MD, PhD, Simona Ruta, MD, PhD, declare that the study was funded from PN-II-PT-PCCA-2011-3.2 Program, Grant no. 88/2012, HEPGEN "Investigation of viral and host markers of non-response to anti-viral treatment in chronic hepatitis C" funded by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research.

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