

Response to reviewers:

Reviewer #1: (9879)

We were able to perform analysis by genotype for HbA1C in patients infected with genotype 1a and 1b (paragraph added to the manuscript). For patients infected with genotype three an analysis of LDL levels and TC was performed (added to the document). Due to number of patients, sub-analysis of patients with genotype 2 was not possible.

Reviewer #2: (02964460)

Several changes were made to the manuscript to answer the different questions raised during the reviewed. An additional paragraph was added to address the questions about diabetics and priority in treatment. The error regarding references name was addressed and Changed to reflect the change from Chen to Chien et al.

Reviewer #4: (00183339)

Eligibility criteria added to the method section.

Changes made to the discussion to address issues related to hepatitis C eradication and metabolic changes. The introduction also covers some of the aspect associated with hepatitis C clearance and metabolic effects.

Reviewer # 3 (00183339), reviewer #4 (00183339) and reviewer 5 (29457):  
Language polishing performed by an independent company (Prooft by Grammarly).  
Current version reflects changes made to the manuscript.