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## **Hepatitis C Virus-associated pruritus: etiopathogenesis and therapeutic strategies**

Authors response

This is an interesting review on the relationship between hepatitis C and pruritus. I have some comments that may help the authors to improve the manuscript:

**Comment:** 1) The relationship between hepatitis C, cholestasis, bile acid accumulation and pruritus is a key point of the review. Nevertheless this is mentioned too many times without going further in the explanation of the molecular bases for it.

**Authors,response:** Thank you very much for your comment. Up to dated

**Comment:** 2) In contrast, a study that established a relationship between serum bile acid concentrations with hepatitis C evolution and response to chemotherapy (PMID: 15836702) has not been included.

**Auhors.response:** Thank you very much comment. Accordingly, we included the suggested reference. Jorquera F, Monte MJ, Guerra J, Sanchez-Campos S, Merayo JA, Olcóz JL, González-Gallego J, Marin JJ. Usefulness of combined measurement of serum bile acids and ferritin as additional prognostic markers to predict failure to reach sustained response to antiviral treatment in chronic hepatitis C. J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2005 Apr;20(4):547-54.

**Comment:** 3) Introduction:

line 14 The following sentences must be corrected. Line 14: "the accumulated bile both salts bin sera and tissues." Line 20: "bile toxic compounds"

**Authors,response:** the sentence has been corrected as follow: the accumulated bile salts both in

**Comment:** ." Line 20: "bile toxic compounds"

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**Comment:** 4) The whole text requires revision of English grammar and style.

**Authors,response:** We improved the English grammar and style.