

Dear Editor

Hi

On behalf of the authors of the manuscript number **30355** entitled **“Prevalence of Hepatitis C Virus Infection among Hemodialysis Patients in the Middle-East; a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis”** this letter is to confirm that Dr Soheil Ashkani-Esfahani, the first author of the paper, is familiar with English language as well as a native speaker due to living in Canada for many year and according to his last Toefl score of more than a hundred and publishing more than 30 articles in international journals. Moreover, I, Dr Seyyed Moayyed Alavian, as the head of Middle East Liver Disease-MELD Center, have published and co-authored more than 800 articles and have enough experience in Scientific writing and editing.

With thanks to your great efforts and concerns about the acceptance and publishing process of our paper and as we previously discussed about the limitations for using international editing services for Iranian researchers, we wanted to ask the editorial of the journal for wavering the necessity of language editing of the paper by international services in this special case. Besides, we assure you about the paper's language and its editing by professional scientific editors.

Sincerely,

Seyyed Moayyed Alavian M.D



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