



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Efficacy and safety of sofosbuvir and ledipasvir in japanese patients aged 75 years or over with hepatitis C genotype 1

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The study is interesting because it addresses treatment of HCV in a population in whom evidences are still lacking: the elderly. Nevertheless, there are minor issues that should be reviewed. In the last line of page 1, authors should review if they really meant “Department of Gastroenterology and HEMATOLOGY” or if they meant “Hepatology”. In page 5 (Abstract) and in page 12 (Results), authors should review the percentages of SVR, since it is not likely that SVR in the overall population could be higher than SVR in its subgroups (SVR in the overall population should probably be between the SVR values of the subgroups). In page 12, authors should rewrite the last sentence of the 1st paragraph: baseline platelet count and glomerular filtration rate were lower and FIB4 was higher in the elderly. Still in page 12, in the 2nd paragraph, authors should review the 5th sentence, since Table 2 does not evaluate the various parameters according to age



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group, but according to SVR. Moreover, authors should inform which age group relapsers belonged to. In Results, authors should inform Child-Pugh classification of cirrhotic patients. In page 14, authors should discuss why their sample had only 32% of HCV patients over 75 years, while they state that people with HCV in Japan account for more than 50% of patients. In page 15, authors should consider changing the sentence "Elderly patients in the present study were more likely to develop advanced liver fibrosis..." to "Elderly patients in the present study were more likely to have advanced liver fibrosis...". Authors should realign columns in all 3 tables. In the title of Table 2, "SVR12" should be spelled out. In Table 3, authors should show adverse effects according to age-group.



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A nice work that reflects real life data



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Dear Editor, Thank you for referring this manuscript to me for review. Although retrospective, this is a well designed study including a considerable number of elderly patients for treatment of hepatitis C. However, there are some points which should be addressed by authors before considering for publication. First, the manuscript needs language polishing. The affiliation of author is department of gastroenterology and hematology or hepatology? I think hepatology is correct. Abbreviations should be explained as whole words, first. Key words should be presented as whole words not abbreviations. The version 20 of SPSS is owned by IBM and should be cited appropriately. The duration of treatment is not defined. How many of patients received a 12 wks course of treatment and how many 24 wks? The use of fibroscan for measurement of fibrosis should be mentioned in methods and Fib 4 indexed should be



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explained more before be used as an abbreviation NS5A RAV. There is repetition of phrases in introduction and discussion. This manuscript deserves a more strong discussion.



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Your article is important and suitable for publication but many modifications are needed before publication