

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Systematic Overview of Hepatitis C Infection in the Middle East and North Africa

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Reviewer's country: China

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SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comments for ESPS Manuscript NO 36844 This systematic review is an epidemiologic study which was designed to reveal the current status of HCV infection in the countries of the Middle East and North Africa. I think that it is a regional issue and the HCV management status differs widely among different countries. Therefore, it has less



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significance in clinic. In addition, language polishing is needed.

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The development of the treatment for chronic hepatitis C based on the progress of molecular biology has been remarkable, and it becomes an era when most patients are able to be cured. However, patients who can enjoy the fruits of such scientific advancement are almost restricted to developed countries. The cost of medicine is so

high that the economic burden is very heavy for developing countries. For public health and medical officials, balance between eliminating HCV and economic burden is an important issue. This paper is packed with wisdom of public health and medical policy in developing countries, and this paper has never been found in top journals and is very unique.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Chaabna et al. extensively reviewed Hepatitis C Infection in the Middle East and North Africa. But their focus is not clear. Authors should make shorten of their manuscript. 1. In abstract section, "The extracted outcomes were HCV antibody (anti-) prevalences and incidences in different at-risk populations; the HCV viremic (RNA positive) rate in



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HCV-positive individuals;... " is unclear. 2. In page 9, line 15, what is "HsAg"? 3. Authors should make one figure of MAP of MENA regions. Why does Pakistan have HCV GT3? They should more discuss. 4. Please refer the following reference: Omata M, et al. Hepatol Int. 2015 Oct;9(4):486-507. doi: 10.1007/s12072-015-9630-4.

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