

Author's response to reviewers

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the reviewers for their helpful comments and feedback regarding our manuscript. We are more than happy to revise the article according to your suggestions. Please find below our responses to the reviewers' comments:

Reviewer 1

Reviewer 1: Excellent work..... please correct the very few grammar and spelling mistakes

Response: Our manuscript has been revised for English language by a native English-speaking colleague.

Reviewer 2: Gountas et al. aimed to investigate 'The economic evaluation of the Hepatitis C elimination strategy in Greece in the era of affordable DAAs'. The study is well written. HCV elimination is a cost-saving strategy. Some issues raised:

i) -Introduction- 3rd line- sentence starting with 'It is estimated that up to 80% of individuals exposed to HCV.....' is true but, would be more accepted if you revise the introduction part by using the information below 'Chronic infection usually occurs.

Approximately 50 to 85 percent of cases developing chronic hepatitis. Chronic HCV infection is generally slowly progressive and may not result in clinically apparent liver disease in many patients. 5 -30% of chronically infected individuals develop cirrhosis over a 20- to 30-year period of time.'

Response: We have rephrased the sentence in the introduction section as follow "It was estimated that approximately 50 to 85 percent of the cases developed chronic hepatitis. Many patients with chronic HCV infection may not result in clinically apparent liver disease because it is in general a slow progressive infection. 5-30% of chronically infected individuals developed cirrhosis over a span of 20 to 30 years." (introduction, page 6).

ii) Table-2 liver transplantation cost is very high, this includes only operation course or includes all pretransplantation, transplantation, posttransplantation courses? Thank you for giving opportunity to review your study.

Response: The liver transplantation cost includes all pretransplantation, transplantation and posttransplantation courses.