

## Answering reviewers

### Reviewer No.1

We thank the reviewer for his wise suggestion. An entire paragraph focusing on compounds used in combination upon 2013 for HCV treatment was added. Each compound and developing company has been listed in a dedicated Table.

Minor mistakes were fixed.

### Reviewer No.2

Many thanks for the consideration given to our work.

### Reviewer No.3

We appreciate Reviewer No.3 comments and suggestions. A paragraph focusing on COVID pandemic specific impact has been included in this revised version. We have to say that sentences without reference are in the majority of cases the expression of our own thoughts. A section focusing on the approach of a number of low income countries to the issue of HCV elimination is part of the current version of the review. Injecting drug users definition was replaced by PWID.

### Reviewer No.4

We thank the Reviewer for the appreciation reserved to our work. In agreement with the Reviewer suggestions, we reported the results of French and Swiss cohort studies on MSM/HIV.

As suggested, in the revised version, studies and programs from Asia have also been quoted and shortly discussed.