

Reviewer #1: This topic provides a complete picture of the hepatitis C virus life cycle with good writing. 1-Regarding viral cell-to cell transmission, in some studies SDC-1, SDC-2, TIM-1 were found to modestly promote HCV cell-to-cell spread. The authors didn't discuss this issue. 2- HCV is a positive –trend RNA virus, as is coronavirus . The authors may discuss little about the difference between viral entry of HCV and viral entry of coronavirus.

Response: Thanks for your constructive suggestions. These suggestions make the manuscript much better. The involvement of SDC-1, SDC-2, TIM-1 in cell-to-cell spread was added as suggested in the page 8 marked in red. The sentences about the difference between viral entry of HCV and coronavirus were added as suggested in page 7 marked in red.