

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 7207-review.docx).

Title: HCV in the new era: perspectives in epidemiology, prevention, diagnostics and predictors of response to therapy

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers:

Reviewer No. 02860705: No suggestion

Reviewer No. 00649613: We found the reviewer's comments helpful and constructive and feel that the manuscript has been greatly improved and enriched.

- (1) A figure showing the distribution of HCV genotypes has been added.
- (2) The sentence has been reformulate.
- (3) Appropriate references have been added.
- (4) A sentence reporting the need to carry out accurate studies about HCV vaccine development has been added.
- (5) The sentence has been reformulate.
- (6) A table showing qualitative and quantitative HCV RNA assays available for clinical

use has been added.

(7) Appropriate reference has been added.

(8) Appropriate references have been added.

(9) In order to clarify the argument, new sentences and a table showing resistance associated mutations and cross-resistance to approved and advanced phase-studied NS3/4 protease inhibitors have been added.

(10) Modified as required.

(11) Modified as required.

(12) Reformulated as required.

(13) Modified as required.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. Ansaldi', written in a cursive style.

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