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Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Abstract The date of enrolling cases should be updated. **Introduction** The authors said "Within this region, the city of Porto Alegre, in 2021, is the capital with the highest HCV detection rate, including a rate higher than the national rate....". All data in the study are up to 2020, but the authors discussed the cities with the highest HCV prevalence in 2021. **Materials and methods** The methods regarding how to calculate the percentage are inconsistent between Graph 1 and table 1. **Results** 1. The number of patients included and excluded from the study was too confusing. For example, why were 2,498 patients identified, leaving 779 patients after the exclusion of 487 and 1241 patients. The words "flow chart" should be added. 2. The authors should briefly explain why patients younger than 16 years of age were excluded from the study. 3. The full spelling of the "NBs" should be added at the first time when it appears. 4. Please check the data in table 1. 1) The total number of white people and non-white people (including yellow people, black people, etc.) included is not 100%. 2) The number of PCR-HCV collection patients is more than the total number of patients included in the study. Please explain any special circumstances. 5. The percentage between the diagnosed group and the



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PCR-HCV group should be added to Graph 1. 6. "Externos" should be revised as "External" in the table 3. Discussion The novelty is weak. Give more emphasis on your novelty. Full text and tables "RVS" should be revised as "SVR".

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