



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Professional title:** Doctor, Professor

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<b>Scientific quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
<b>Language quality</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<b>Re-review</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Peer-reviewer statements</b>	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

I reviewed the manuscript titled "Accelerating the Elimination of Hepatitis C in Kuwait: An Expert Opinion". It summarized experts' opinion on how to eradicate HCV infection in Kuwait. As compared to what has been done or is currently done in/by some countries it is not enough ambitious. For example whereas three quarters of the population is non-Kuwaiti citizens, i.e. they are imported labourers or expatriates these categories of persons will not be tested. It is also not clear whether DAA therapy will be provided for free for all HCV RNA (+) persons. The text is too wordy. References 61 and 62 in the text do not match with those from the reference section.



### PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

It is good manuscript.



## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This paper introduced the strategy and recommendations for accelerating the elimination of HCV in Kuwait. This is helpful to realize the WHO strategy to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030. And It also has reference value to other countries. So it is deserved to be published. Minor revision 1、 As the availability of DAAs is the key factors to eliminate HCV infection. Please add the related information of DAAs that can be got in Kuwait, such as the name, type, price, etc. 2. Discovery is a precursor to therapy. Please add more detailed HCV screening methods in Kuwait.