

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name LakatosPLWJG2429 .doc).

Title: Molecular Epidemiology and Putative Origin of HCV in Random Volunteers from Argentina.

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

1. The manuscript has been corrected by an English speaker Ms Celine Cavallo. Please check the acknowledgment section.
2. According to the comment by reviewer 1, we have indicated in the Material and Methods section the mean age as well as gender of studied persons in each province, and we have also composed a new Table 1 to include the required information. We have also added some paragraph to discuss all this information.
3. Following minor comment by reviewer 2, the "OK?" if figure legend 1 has been deleted.

All editorial changes proposed along the text, have been accepted and corrected in the manuscript. We provide high resolution original figures 1 to 4 in power point format and 5 in another separated power point format, and the 5 figures also in jpg format to facilitate editorial work.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'F. Rodríguez-Frías', enclosed within a faint rectangular border.

Francisco Rodríguez-Frías, PhD