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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The present review is well written and the references are updated. However a new era in the treatment of chronic hepatitis, in particular HCV chronic infection is started. In addition, the data present in this paper are been reported in several clinical studies, review and guidelines reported in literature.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a review on HBV/HCV dual infection, with a primary focus on treatment regimens and benefits. Overall, I think this review is interesting and fairly comprehensive although I have a few minor suggestions. 1) On page 7, the authors state that approximately 70% of patients with HCV mono-infection respond to PEG-IFN and RBV therapy. Although this is true among Asian populations, SVR rates are lower in Caucasian populations with genotype 1 disease. The authors should mention that SVR rates are lower in this population, in part due to differences in IL-28 genotype. 2) On page 10, the authors state that a “These data suggest a favorable HBV virologic effect in all HBV-HCV dually infected patients; but a favorable clinical result was only observed in pre-treatment HCV RNA-negative patients.” How was dual infection defined if some patients were pre-treatment HCV-negative? 3) On page 11, the authors report the effect of SVR on HCC development, liver-related mortality, and overall mortality. They provide hazard ratios for each outcome. It would be useful if they also provided absolute annual rates with and without SVR for all three outcomes, either in the text or as table. 4) On page 12, the authors report HCC happens in a portion of patients with SVR, of whom 8 had dual infection and 1 had HCV mono-infection. What proportion of the 9 patients had underlying cirrhosis?

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Drs. Liu and Chen have presented an highly interesting revised review article in which they discussed updates of treatment options of HBV/HCV double infection. Overall, the manuscript is well written and concise in its content. It is a pleasure to read.

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it is a concise review but also deals with the majority of clinical settings of coinfecting patients.