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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thanks for the opportunity. I reviewed the paper well written with appropriate reference , flows well , Table is tight and well placed , Only one query ? Simipravar is traditionally Geno Specific G 1a,b here it is said Pan genomic needs references Thanks

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper is interesting, however some problems remain to be clarified. Major points: 1. The authors should describe the predictive factors such as vital mutations regarding peg-IFN/RBV therapy, although they described IL28B as a predictive factor. The authors could refer to the following references. Example; ① Kim SR, El Shamy A, Imoto S, et al: Prediction of response to pegylated interferon/ribavirin combination therapy for chronic hepatitis C genotype 1b and high viral load. J Gastroenterol 2012; 47: 1143-51. ② Enomoto N, Sakuma I, Asahina Y, et al: Mutations in the nonstructural protein 5A gene and response to interferon in patients with chronic hepatitis C virus 1b infection. N Engl J Med 1996; 334: 77-81. ③ El Shamy A, Nagano Fujii M, Sasase N, et al: Sequence variation in hepatitis C virus nonstructural protein 5A predicts clinical outcome of pegylated interferon/ribavirin combination therapy. Hepatology. 2008; 48: 38-47. ④ Akuta N, Suzuki F, Kawamura Y, et al: Predictive factors of early and sustained responses to peginterferon plus ribavirin combination therapy in Japanese patients infected with hepatitis C virus genotype 1b: amino acid substitutions in the core region and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels. J Hepatol 2007; 46: 403-10. 2. The authors should add a severe adverse effect including cardiac arrest concerning



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DDA combination therapy. The authors could refer to the following references. Example;  
①Mizokami M, Yokosuka O, Takehara T, et al: Ledipasvir and sofosbuvir fixed-dose combination with and without ribavirin for 12 weeks in treatment-naïve and previously treated Japanese patients with genotype 1 hepatitis C: an open-label, randomised, phase 3 trial. *Lancet Infect Dis.* 2015 Jun; 15(6): 645-653. Miner points: 1. The authors should describe adverse effects such as rash including Stevens-Johnson syndrome in telaprevir + peg-IFN + ribavirin treatment.