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Dear Editor

Thank you for your review of the manuscript entitled “**Dried blood spot sampling as an alternative for the improvement of Hepatitis B and C diagnosis in key populations**” by Flores et al. We appreciate your efforts and those of the reviewers.

We agree with the observations made by the reviewers and the changes made in response have improved our manuscript. These modifications are shown in the text in red colour.

I am forwarding our responses to the questions and comments that have resulted in revisions of the manuscript.

Sincerely,

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REVIEWER REQUEST:

Interesting article improve the language expand the discussion remove irrelevant tables

Language was improved and discussion expanded.

Four tables were included to add information about:

Demographic characteristics

Bivariate analysis

Multivariate Analysis

Performance of the assays.

It is better to add more recent references

Some recent references (2020) were included.

It is better to add one or more figures particularly instead Table 4 for sensitivity and specificity and accuracy of the assay

To give more detailed information including confidence intervals, data should be presented in a table.

Pls add the chronic kidney disease (CKD) in the abstract.

It was included.