

Dear Editor,

Thank you for transmitting the reviewers' comments derived from the evaluation of manuscript: – **18710**

Column: Topic Highlights

Title: Injecting drug use - a vector for introduction of new HCV genotypes

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We are grateful for the reviewer's comment on the quality of the manuscript. No revisions were solicited.

We thank you for the careful editing of the manuscript and for the suggestions made in order to improve the table and figure presentation and to comply with the journal's format. We hope that this revised version will answer to all the recommended corrections and will meet the criteria for publication in *World Journal of Gastroenterology*

Attached please find a point by point response to your suggestions, together with the modifications (with track changes) of the manuscript.

1. The text was checked in order to comply with the writing requirements of topic highlights
2. The Conflict-of-interest statement was added in the title page and the pdf file is uploaded with the revised version
3. An audio core tip is uploaded with the revised version
4. The annotations in table 5 were changed : * was replaced with numbers, as required
5. Figure one was replaced and is now decomposable, as required, an excel file is also uploaded with the revised version.
6. The language was revised according to the AJE suggestions, an AJE certificate is uploaded with the revised version
7. The manuscript was submitted the to *CrossCheck* analysis and the final title to Google Scholar search, the results are uploaded with the revised version and can be also found at

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Thank you for your support during the review process.

We are looking forward for your decision on the publication of the above mentioned manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

Simona Ruta