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### COMMENTS

#### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

The manuscript is well written and informative. Minor comment: There is an "OK?" that should be eliminated in the figure 1 legend.



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This is a very well done and written molecular epidemiological study which considers the investigation of the prevalence of HCV infection and subtype frequencies among adults in Argentina. It should be underlined that authors have investigated a large amount of general population from 12 provinces representing all the geographical regions of the country. This study evaluated not only the prevalence of HCV infection among adults in Argentina (which was quite low) but the authors performed also a phylogenetic analysis using the NS5B HCV region for subtype classification which allowed the study of the evolution and origin of HCV infection. The phylogenetic analysis performed in this study suggests diverse profiles of epidemiological expansion of HCV in Argentina. This study makes a great contribution to the studies on molecular epidemiology and suggests that the pattern of HCV infection and transmission in Argentina is a consequence of multiple events and is different for each (sub) genotype studied. The study is set up correctly. The paper is written clearly, the Introduction gives a good overview about the study background and the authors raised clearly the hypothesis of the study. The description of method is accurate. The authors used as methods HCV-RNA detection and genotyping, the 5'UTR nested RT-PCR amplification/sequencing. The aim of the study is fulfilled. The material studied is large enough and allows to drawn the conclusions. The Tables and Figure are accurate and give a good overview about the studied materials and results. The Results are presented clearly and have been discussed well. However, the follow point needs to be considered: 1. By presenting a study material (which is really large!) it should be anyway necessary to indicate the mean age as well the gender of studied persons in each province.