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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very well written manuscript, it should be published in WJG.

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In this paper the Authors show the over-expression of Cytokeratin 8 (CK8) in an in-vitro HCV cell culture system. An in-deep investigation of the clinical significance of protein expression changes associated with HCV infection would elucidate the host/virus interactions and provide future direction for understanding the pathogenesis of HCV. In the last decade the development of cell culture models of HCV infection made it possible to perform global characterization of the host cell protein response to the hepatitis C genome expression in vitro. Several studies have been published describing global gene expression changes associated with HCV infection. Large-scale proteome analyses of the in-vitro HCV infection model have also been performed. Thus new hopes characterize the HCV field and new advances are reasonably expected. Here, CK8 is found up-regulated in Huh7 and Huh7.5 cells infected with chimeric full length HCV genome. This study is well written and well conceived. The methodology is acceptable. The conclusions that can be drawn are limited but interesting. Figures 4-9 are shadowy, rather small and unclear.