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COMMENTS

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS:

Ms: ESPS Manuscript No.2651 Comments on “Addicts with chronic hepatitis C: difficult to reach, manage or treat?” are as below: In this manuscript, authors studied standard PEG-IFN and Ribavirin treatment for chronic hepatitis patients with addicts. This study includes challenging for ethical difficulty of HCV treatment. It’s very interesting and authors may applaudable effort on this study. Of course, opposite opinions for HCV treatment on addicts may exist, nonetheless this study indicates possibility of HCV treatment for some addicts if patients can receive enough support from medical profession. Success of 36% SVR rate should be worthy of treating. I strongly agree with authors’ opinion that addicts should not be included in exclusion criterion of HCV treatments. Furthermore, study design (protocol) is well organized and discussion is nicely written with reliable relevant citations, which previously published. Statistics are also reasonably analyzed. Although this study may raise an ethical issue, it will give a strong impact to readers and make fascinating reading. Taken together, this manuscript is high quality enough to be published in “World Journal of Gastroenterology”. Therefore, acceptance after simple language corrections of English is recommended. Reviewed by Shuhei Yoshida, MD, PhD Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School carcinogenesis@hotmail.com; syoshida@bidmc.harvard.edu; bulls_threepeat@yahoo.co.jp Mar. 10th, 2013 (Additional evaluation) Classification of the manuscript: Grade A Language evaluation: Grade A



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In the manuscript "Addicts with chronic hepatitis C: difficult to reach, manage or treat?". Dr. Zanini and his colleagues have described the treatment of HCV in IDUs. The results they presented may help to guide physicians to manage HCV in IDUs. But the manuscript needs extensive revision with respect to the language and scientific content. Hence, I suggest that the authors seek independent editorial help before resubmitting the article. Also the authors should pay attentions to the follows:

1. The abstract section needs modify to make this section concise. And authors should prepare the manuscript according to "instruction for authors" of the journal.
2. The results provides sufficient data to draw firm scientific conclusions, but the results section needs modify to make it readable and precise.
3. In figure 1,162 IDUs identified by SerT, 58 never called for appointment and 106 agreed to first hepatologic visit. The author should pay more attention to the accuracy to this. I considered that the manuscript is grade D and needs major revision before acceptanc.