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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Congratulations on your well written and structured article. I have made some suggestions in the manuscript. Could you please elaborate on why an 8 week determination of ALT levels would be better than the 12 week and 4 week determination. Your discussion seems to touch on this topic but unfortunately does not seem to provide convincing evidence. Good luck.



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This study investigated the relationship between on-treatment ALT changes and SVR in genotype 1 CHC patients during peginterferon-ribavirin treatment, and proved on-treatment ALT changes may be a new predictor for SVR. In the manuscript, the Study disgin “group-2h, patients who had initial normal ALT levels without RVR and group-2n, patients who had initial normal ALT levels without RVR (Fig. 1 and 2)” seems inappropriate.



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This study was conducted by a retrospective data review. The study's results concluded by the authors suggested that using RNA and ALT level as predictors for SVR might be worth if extended from 4 wk to 8 wk since more of the unknown factors may influence the treatment results. However, the study is not a novel discovery and not given any idea or comments on what should be a factor. The scientific data written is unfamiliar, especially in the results parts which contained many topic sentences, statistic p-value, and details explanation. Some typo error also found in the study design part (2h, 2n -were described the same).