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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very good review. I believe it would be useful to discuss the impact and continuing use in at least some countries of exclusion of potential donors with history of hepatitis or other liver diseases as well as possible risk factors such as drug abuse. This has played a historical role as well as serological screening.



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The manuscript reviews an important topic but certain sections need to be reformatted to increase clarity. The information is presented in the form of continuous text whereas figures and tables can be added to increase the quality of presentation. For examples figures should be included to demonstrate the principles of each assay (EIA, ELISA, NAT) and tables should be added to describe the main differences in terms of sensitivity, specificity, main studies-references etc.. In addition the historical data can be minimized. Finally a table summarizing all the methods and comparison of availability in developed vs non developed countries would be useful.



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Comments for authors. This review article on current status of screening tests for HCV infection in blood donors is very well written and readable. The sensitivity of various HCV testing methods is described well. Modalities for testing for developed countries and resource-limited settings are described in great detail. This manuscript merits publication.