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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review by Arain and Robaey focuses on treatment of hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in persons who inject drugs. This is an interesting topic that merits to be reviewed in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. However, the current manuscript lacks a clear outline and structure and requires major language revision. Indeed, the English language and grammar/punctuation is poor. Altogether the readability of the manuscript and its overall quality are low. The readability of the review must be improved by revising the manuscript at least by taking into account the issues indicated below. ?In the reviewer's opinion, a review article should give a global overview of a defined topic. However, this manuscript is not an objective review of the literature but heavily reflects the author's opinion. The authors should better balance each issue they address. ?There are several discrepant statement, e. g. about PWID-adherence to treatment (see page 7 (first paragraph) vs page 12 (bottom paragraph). ?Different subchapters appear to deal with similar topics - better structure the review/content and summarize ideas instead of reviewing the literature in detail. ?Title: modify the title to avoid starting with "Also". Rather think of "Eligibility of persons who inject drugs for treatment of HCV infection" or "Treatment of HCV infections in persons who inject drugs", ... ?Section titles: they should be pertinent and reflect the content of the chapters. Increasing their readability will help to better structure the review. The majority of current subtitles is not relevant and should be modified. (Non exhaustive) Examples include: "Impact on general health": impact of what? "Evolution": of what? "Detection": of what? "Prevention": of what "Do not postpone therapy": ? "Reinfection after successful HCV treatment": just this part of the sentence is in bold - but it is not a subheading. "Further achievable improvements for the future have been summarized by



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Bruggmann et al.": this is not a subtitle but a normal sentence "Future": Future directions? ?Subchapters are of very different length. There are two extremes: "HCV in general - burden": this chapter is very short. Either include in introduction or another subchapter or develop this subchapter further. "Barriers for HCV antiviral management": is approx. 8 pages long (approx 1/3 of the entire text). ?Abbreviations: define abbreviation when first used and then use it consistently throughout the text (please pay attention to IFN-alpha vs IFN-? vs Ifn, as well as SVR, DOT, RBV, ...) ?Punctuation/grammar/style: the manuscript would very much benefit from revision through a native English speaker. Moreover, in order to avoid different writing styles from different authors within the review, the writing style(s) should be homogenized. ?Page 9, second paragraph: PWID instead of PWUD? ?Page 18: to date no vaccine to prevent HCV infection is available! Please modify the text section at the bottom of the page accordingly.



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Useful paper that will be of interest to the readership.



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This is a timely and comprehensive review on antiviral therapy for HCV-infected “persons who inject drugs” (PWID). The article covers the relevant literature and provides eloquent arguments on why this group of HCV-infected patients should receive treatment. The authors discuss data on the impact of conventional anti-HCV regimens consisting of interferons and ribavirin on PWID. In addition, they integrate in their discussion the changing landscape with the novel direct antiviral agents, which are gradually becoming standard of care, even though data on PWID are still missing. Finally, they discuss issues that are specific to the management of substance users (such as psychological and social support etc). The manuscript is well-written and only requires correction of a few typos and errors (for instance a sentence is repeated twice towards the end of page 9). Since the article contains some financial data on the cost of conventional and novel anti-HCV therapies, I would suggest to include a comment on the impact of the additional support required for PWID (psychological, social etc) on the overall cost of their treatment.



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Two minor suggestions: 1) on page 2, "bulck" should be changed to "bulk". 2) on page 6, reference should be added to Dimova et al.