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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Gondeau et al report the complex relationship between HCV genotypes and the possible complications in chronically infected patients. Particular attention is put on HCV type 3 infection that is considered difficult to treat and associated with higher risk of developing cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma. The work is well written and provide a useful update about HCV type 3 infections. There are only some minor points to be addressed by the authors. 1) To make the consultation of the data discussed faster, I suggest the authors to prepare tables reporting the major finding described in sections "HCV GENOTYPE 3 AND RESPONSE TO THE STANDARD TREATMENT" and "GENOTYPE 3 IN DAA GOLDEN ERA". 2) Pag 5 lines 14-15 from top. Please correct "However, the mechanism of HCV-mediated IR and the genotype-specific association remain unclear" with "However, the mechanism of HCV-mediated IR and the genotype-specific association remains unclear". 3) Page 12 line 6 from bottom. Please add a full stop at the end of the sentence"...combination is not recommended yet by the EASL in May 2015 [10]" 4) Page 13 line 15 from top."...both in in vitro and in vivo models [109] [110]", Please combine in a single square bracket pair, references 109 and 110.



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Dr. Gondeau et al. described the complex relationship between hepatitis C virus genotypes and the possible complications in chronically infected patients. They discussed the recent updates on HCV genotype-3 infection from various aspects. HCV genotype-3 infections are no longer considered as easy to treat in the era of DAA treatments. Therefore, this topic is important. 1. The reports indicating the epidemiology of HCV genotype 3 should be organized by using a Table. 2. The treatment efficacy of various DAA treatments should be organized by using a Table.