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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This study added new information regarding a subtyping (4) of HCV and its relation with TNF- $\alpha$  cytokine. A limit of the study is the technical approach of RFLPs to detect the mutation. Please confirm in series of cases the mutation by another technique. Anti-TNF $\alpha$  therapy is generally effective and well tolerated in the setting of HCV-patients please add a comment regarding this clinical aspect in your paper.