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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting review on the relationship between hepatitis C and pruritus. I have some comments that may help the authors to improve the manuscript: 1) The relationship between hepatitis C, cholestasis, bile acid accumulation and pruritus is a key point of the review. Nevertheless this is mentioned too many times without going further in the explanation of the molecular bases for it. 2) In contrast, a study that established a relationship between serum bile acid concentrations with hepatitis C evolution and response to chemotherapy (PMID: 15836702) has not been included. 3) Introduction: line 14 The following sentences must be corrected. Line 14: “the accumulated bile both salts bin sera and tissues.” Line 20: “bile toxic compounds” 4) The whole text requires revision of English grammar and style.