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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This editorial focuses on the problem of the recently-found super resistant-associated substitution (RAS), S5A-P32 deletion, in HCV infection. The manuscript describes in detail as to the background situation of the appearance of P32 deletion, the relationship

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of P32 deletion with other RASs, and the responses to the new DAA therapies. Minor: Though the author insists that "P32 deletion and Y93 mutants and L31 mutants are mutually exclusive", P32 deletion is often accompanied by L31F mutation actually. Therefore, excessive emphasizing of the mutual exclusiveness might cause misunderstanding.

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P32 deletion is the hot topic in DAA-associated mutation. Overcoming the mutation is very important. Therefore, this manuscript has high grade priority to be published. The authors well described about P32 mutation comprehensively.

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