



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Sustained virologic response to direct-acting antiviral agents predicts better outcomes in hepatitis C virus-infected patients: A retrospective study

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Science editor: Jia-Ping Yan

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer’s expertise on the topic of the manuscript:
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is well performed retrospective-prospective observational study as the authors reported that direct-acting antiviral agents are effective in inducing sustained virologic response and protecting against hepatocellular carcinoma or death. The introduction



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section is well written and the rational of the study is sound. The study design and the sample size are appropriate and the results and conclusion are indicative and consistent with the aim.

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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written article investigating the outcomes of HCV-infected patients with the treatment of DDA drugs by focusing on HCC and death. The evaluation of HCV-infected patient’s outcome in the era of DDA is a hot topic, the author of the



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manuscript illuminated a new perspective on this topic and drew convincing conclusions. In addition to the positive aspect of the study, several questions should be answered by the authors: 1. It was mentioned in the manuscript that some patients had been previously treated with interferon-based regimens without achieving SVR. Did this group of patients show different outcomes compared with the other patients. And did they successfully achieve SVR with DDA treatment. 2. Please specify the name of DDAs. 3. Regarding the HCC patients who underwent surgical resection and liver transplantation, how about the recurrence rate. What is the treatment for preventing HCV re-infection after liver transplantation? 4. Are there any experience about the interactions between DDAs and immunosuppressive agents?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Whether DAAs treatment can be a risk factor for HCC development could not be found in the study. Because there was no a control group 2. Table 1 should be slightly simplified



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. Give full term before abbreviation, such as hepatitis C virus (HCV), in its first appearance.
2. Do not put any medical abbreviation in the keywords.
3. Make sure that ‘multi-state’ is a keyword.
4. Polish the language, such as ‘lost at follow-up’ might be



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replaced by 'lost to follow-up' in Patients and Methods. 5. Explain or address 'restrictive inferential methods' in the Statistical methods. 6. I suggest the authors give a percentage unit in all tables to second decimal place (or at least first decimal place) since the case number was small in this study. 7. Please explain the reason for a low incidence of mixed cryoglobulinemia (9.21%) in the study cohort. 8. Further address or modification for the conclusion '...or with extra-hepatic HCV-related complications' might be needed because only mixed cryoglobulinemia & eGFR were taking into account in extra-hepatic manifestations in this study.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Colussi et al. wrote an interesting retrospective rstudy about outcomes in HCV patients according to SVR: they pointed an actual subject (DAA, HCV and HCC occurence.), used a pertinent statistical method (Markov Model.). According to my advice, this paper can



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be accepted. Some little corrections are needed nevertheless: precise MDRD equation (MDRD4? MDRD6?), replace Fibroscan bu FibroScan.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1.I think that the interval of follow-up is relative short for HCC development. 2.The high incidence of HCC in without SVR patients was mainly due to the advanced state of disease. The comparison of HCC incidence should be done in the patients with



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comparable state of liver disease (such as liver cirrhosis) that with and without SVR to DAAs

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