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Language quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. This invited review article provided comprehensive updated overview of HCV micro-elimination in different settings and population which will be surely of interest to readers in effort to achieve 2030 WHO goal. 2. Although the authors do not purpose to cover all the related publication, however, I believe that micro-elimination in MSM/HIV cohort would be an important missing piece to cover in this important review article. The changing epidemiology of HIV-HCV co-infection in France 2012-2018 was recently reported, which implicated that the major group of HCV transmission in 2018 was MSM. The discussion about the scaling-up DAA treatment in this cohort will be an important missing piece and will be of interest to the readers. 3. Most examples in this article using articles from western countries, could author also raise some example from Asia-pacific regions and provide comment on that if different strategies needed in different areas.



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The present review discusses the current status of HCV elimination in different geographical regions, categorized by settings such as prisons and emergency departments, as well as different high-risk populations including people who inject drugs. Although the subject has a priority of publishing, there are some major concerns expressed below, which would require a substantial revision.

1. In the introduction, authors have just touched on the COVID pandemic that is hindering the elimination efforts, and then returned to this issue in the conclusion, without any further explanation throughout the manuscript. The challenges and difficulties that HCV programs are facing in the COVID era should be expanded upon, and some evidence and studies in this regard should be cited.
2. There are too many sentences and claims without any references in the manuscript. Authors should consider providing sufficient evidence for their statements, and removing those for which they are unable to find a reference.
3. Almost all studies that are discussed in the review are from high-income countries. Since the previous reviews on the subject had been also focused on those countries, it would be interesting and novel to include some studies from low-income countries as well.
4. The authors should strictly avoid using stigmatizing terms such as injecting drug users, intravenous drug users, etc. Such terms should be substituted by appropriate phrases like people who inject drugs (PWID).

The more detailed comments can be find in the uploaded file.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written and comprehensive review on hepatitis C virus micro-elimination, addressing the issue at different geographical locations, settings and populations. I would recommend the manuscript to be accepted for publication in the journal.



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This manuscript submitted by Mangia and colleagues is a review about the micro-elimination of HVC as an important alternative to WHO, currently outdated, global plans for virus control. The manuscript is well written and presented the most updated bibliography about the subject. The title and abstract reflect the subject discussed in the text. The use of English is adequate and the manuscript is easy to read. However, besides treatment strategies being the main focus of this manuscript, little was discussed about the available drugs and the treatment regimens, I suggest authors include a small section discussing the most recent advances in HCV therapy and most used drugs/regimens. Minor considerations: - There are a few arrow symbols distributed through the text, for example in the First paragraph and First paragraph of page 11. Authors should review the text and remove it. - Page 9: "Universal Centers for Disease Control (commonly known as the CDC)". Remove the word Universal.



RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The author had revised the article very well now . Hence , I had no further comments



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and recommend for its publication.