

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<b>Language quality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a well written paper. The results are of interest and the limitations of the study are clearly stated. There are some typos/grammar mistakes that should be corrected.

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

In this study, the authors have aimed to identify the most effective interferon-free therapy for GT1b-infected patients and to determine negative predictors of virological response. They have found that the effectiveness of all regimens exceeded 90%, and the highest SVR of 98.9% was achieved in the group of patients treated with a combination of glecaprevir/pibrentasvir. Moreover, Negative predictors for SVR were male sex, HIV-coinfection, decompensated cirrhosis at baseline, HCC history and thrombocytopenia. Several suggestions: 1. In title, please consider [HCV GT1b-infected patients] instead of [HCV patients]. 2. It is better to have a reference after the paragraph of [Antiviral treatment], section of [MATERIALS AND METHODS]. 3. It is better to have a reference after the paragraph of [Treatment effectiveness], section of [MATERIALS AND METHODS]. 4. In the paragraph of [Treatment effectiveness], section of [MATERIALS AND METHODS], it is better to use [reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)] instead of [polymerase chain reaction (PCR)].

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

It is a retrospective multicenter national study on the effect of DAA regimen on HCV genotype 1b carried out on 11385. 1-The running title "DAA therapy in HCV GT1b-infected patients" is not a part of the original title 2- Long background in the abstract. 3- Language needs great correction 4- There is no need to present data for SVR for ITT for patients not followed up. Just present in table4 and figure 1 the results of the 10903 patients SVR at end of therapy and after followed up for 12 weeks post treatment (PP), to avoid confusion in interpreting the data. 5- The current study assess the effectiveness of DAA regimen and not the efficacy, as it is a real world study. 6- other comments are found in the manuscript.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Too long abstract 457 words Language of the whole manuscript still needs correction.  
The title of tables and figure needs reformulations. some tables need to be landscape  
and not portrait Other comments are presented in the manuscript. Careful reading and  
revision are still needed.