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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C (Good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: a great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written concise yet sufficiently comprehensive review on the vertical transmission of HCV. i have a few comments: 1. page 6 line 15: "persistent transmission of HCV from infected mothers to their infants is reported in 4-8% of cases", this is a little bit confusing, perhaps you mean "vertical transmission leading to chronic infection is reported in 4-8%"? 2. In the abstract and in the conclusion the phrase "cesarean section is not recommended in pregnant women infected with hcv" may give the false impression that it CSsection is contraindicated. Perhaps it would be better expressed: "Cesarean section should not be recommended as a method to prevent vertical transmission of hcv". 3. in the follow-up guidelines, you have described what should be done for a newborn who has a mother who is HCV-Ab positive yet hCV-RNA negative, how about those with mothers that are also HCV-RNA positive? Will the schedule for testing differ according to Shiraki et al?



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a well-written article, but there are some little typos (pages 2,3,7,10,12). They are highlighted in red.

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

ESPS Manuscript NO: 7916 Comments for the authors In this review the author described the vertical transmission of hepatitis C. The topic is of general interest because HCV is a major global health issue and it is associated with cirrhosis, liver failure and hepatocellular carcinoma. Although the theme is important and the review is well-written and adequate there are some points that have to be reviewed regarding this manuscript. Specific comments: 1. Abstract: ? Page 2, line 18, "Delivery by caesarean section is not recommended in pregnant women infected with HCV". The description is not written clearly and clarification should be provided for this phrase. This phrase raises doubts because the concept is so general, it should be more concise, e.g. page 6, line 21. Caesarean delivery is recommended for HCV and HIV co-infected mothers. 2. Text: ? Page 3, line 14 – The word "important" should be reviewed due to grammatical error. ? Page 6, line 7 – The sentence should be reviewed due to poor grammatical construction. ? Page 7, line 21 – The word "recommend" should be reviewed due to grammatical error. ? Page 10, line 5 – The sentence should be reviewed due to poor grammatical construction. ? Page 16, line 11 – As mentioned above clarification should be provided for this phrase. 3. Reviewer conclusion: ? Accept but needs revision (minor).



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The review is of significant importance to the existing literature on Hepatitis C 's vertical transmission. The minor but numerous spelling mistakes must be rectified.