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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I believe it would be useful to better separate the larger discussion of mechanism of hepatic steatosis in general, and then specifically discuss HCV. I would also add a discussion and reference to the multiple studies that have shown a correlation between the stage of fibrosis in HCV and the severity of insulin resistance. Some specific comments: Several times in the word steatotic is used-I believe you should say steatotic. Also in the Introduction the word revise is used when you probably mean review. In the conclusion you imply that steatohepatitis is the key step in progression of HCV. I would hesitate to make this claim, since while true in some, in many there is progression of fibrosis without steatosis or steatohepatitis..

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This is the very interesting issue in Hepatology. This review article is good written and can be published after some minor revision. For example in the Introduction section in second paragraph the authors review the main pathways leading to steatosis not revise them.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comment to the Authors, This review is trying to collect and summarize the current literature concerning the possible mechanisms that are involved in the pathogenesis of liver steatosis in patients with chronic hepatitis C. I believe that you should have focused more on the mechanisms of steatosis that have been already studied in patients with HCV infection and less in patients with 'pure' non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. To be more specific, you should have developed how structural and non-structural proteins of the virus are altering and promoting steatosis in these patients, as well as, how these proteins are involved in the steatogenic pathways. Even more, there is inadequately written the sentence that concerns leptin involvement, since there are a lot of studies dealing with this subject. Some other minor comments are: - line 37, its better to be written as 'In this review we analyze the pathogenic pathways which are involved in the...' - line 39, the correct word is steatotic - line 61, its better to be written as '...but not all patients showing simple steatosis may develop steatohepatitis' -line 106, '...by the adipose tissue...' - line 143, '...suppressed...' -line 177, its better to be written as '...is coupled to AMP-activated kinase...' - line 198, its better to be written as '...is not yet well known.' -line 247, '...acid oxidation plays a crucial role...' You also have to



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explain all the abbreviations in the text and to write in one way the names of the cytokines, for example, when you are writing PPAR- γ , do not change it to PPAR-gamma in the next sentences of the article.