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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear editor Thanks for inviting me to review this interesting mini review article which is about introducing a model (ECHO) for increasing treatment rate of HCV-infected patients. For this purpose ECHO connects primary care providers with specialists through a hub. I think that this model is very useful especially for developing countries. Although ECHO should be evaluated in an original article for getting a better and exact result, however I think this mini review should be published for presenting ECHO all over the world. Best Regard Reviewer Mohammad Saeid Rezaee-Zavareh



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This mini-review briefly introduces the project of Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO), a novel model for the allocation of scarce resources for hepatitis C virus (HCV) treatment. It analyzed the advantages of this model and will be useful for clinicians. However, there are several problems in this manuscript should be addressed before publication. 1. In the last sentence of Hit or miss section, the authors introduced the extension of the ECHO model (“the number of ECHO sites drastically increased to around 300 nowadays”). Is there any data of the sustained virologic response (SVR) rates in these ECHO sites? The SVR rate in the initial study is 58.2%. Can the similar SVR rates be obtained in those novel sites of ECHO? 2. The differences between Show Me ECHO and ECHO are not clear enough. 3. The structure of this manuscript should be re-edited. The section of New Mexico to Missouri described the unequal distribution of the resources for HCV treatment between metropolitan cities and rural areas. This section does not connect with the context very well. It more like a example of the Introduction.



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In this manuscript, the author introduced the Project ECHO that was conducted in New Mexico and Missouri. This project has significantly improved SVR in the treatment of geographically isolated HCV patients in rural areas by connecting the local PCPs to University HCV clinics so as to allow PCPs to acquire the critical skills necessary in treating HCV patients. This model appears deserving advancement to improve the health care in developing regions. I would suggest its acceptance for publication after minor concerns being addressed. 1. Page 3: "Of these 519, 407 remained relevant for the overall SVR rates in the study because they fulfilled certain physiological requirements." What is "certain physiological requirements"? Please address it. 2. There should be a legend to explain the ECHO model in Figure 1. The reader will understand the ECHO model better without referring to the text.