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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear colleagues, Your manuscript touches upon an important topic "Hepatitis C virus infection and thyroid autoimmune disorders". My remarks are following: ? Your manuscript "Introduction" contains too much general information about pathogenetic mechanisms of autoimmune diseases, what is not directly touch upon your manuscript name. ? It will be better give detail information about different type of thyroid autoimmune disorders in HCV-infection and described distinguishes in pathogenetic mechanisms. ? Details about HCV structure on page 7 are well-known and not necessary. ? On page 10 your recommendation: "Therefore the examination of HLA Ag in HCV patients before  $\alpha$ -IFN treatment may be an useful predictive tool to detect the predisposition to develop the specific AITD" is not precise, it would be better mentioned exact HLA Ag. ? In conclusion you described side effects of INF-therapy and DAA, which are well known and absolutely not connected to your topic (better to remove it). Besides, in previous text there is not information about antiviral treatment, so how you can mention it only in "Conclusion" part. One more remark for "Conclusion", from mine point of view it will be nice to gives a link between all mentioned factors



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(Host-dependent factors, Environment-dependent factors etc.). Thank you for understanding.  
Sincerely